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LOWE FOR ROOS CALL

EXPERT coaches Les Scheinflug and Ken Kaiser called for David Lowe (pictured) to be included in the Australian squad after watching another top display from the Marconi striker against Sydney Croatia on Sunday.

Lowe has been ignored since Frank Arok took over from Scheinflug as national

coach in March.

"It's a crying shame," said Scheinflug, who is Lowe's coach at Marconi.

"If a player with so much to offer can be ignored, the rest must be all Maradonas," he said.

BY BRAD EARL

"He has so much talent and skill, and he is always thinking and working off the ball."

Scheinflug also paid tribute to his dedication. "He travels 320 kilometres a day from Newcastle four times a week, and not once has he asked me if he could stay at home."

Kaiser, chosen as the "Coaches' Coach of the Year" last season, worked

with Lowe at Newcastle KB United for two seasons.

He said: "It's a mystery to me why he isn't in the national squad."

"He has the potential to be one of the best strikers in the country, and he has to be one of the most mature young players in Australia — he's got a 30-year-old head on his shoulders."

"Lowe is a very positive player. He always does something with the ball."

"He is one of the few attackers in Australia who can get past a defender without having to use pace — which he's got anyway," Kaiser concluded.



□ KEN KAISER



□ LES SCHEINFLUG



□ RICKY BUDINI is presented with the NSW Rothmans Medal by NSW Minister for Sport, Mike Cleary. Budini, who played for Avala this season, is on loan to the State League club from Avala. STORY, PHOTOS PAGE 12.

EDITORIAL

THE wise men — if that is an accurate description — who control the destiny of the National Soccer League are already making plans for the 1986 season.

While it is good to look ahead in planning, it seems strange to find the NSL wants to make yet another change in its format in 1986 even before a ball has been kicked in the 1985 season.

Suppose the 1985 competition is a huge success? Extremely unlikely though it may be, there is just an outside chance that the NSL could succeed next season.

If this happened, would the competition still be given the substantial revamping now planned for 1986?

Officials from the bigger and more prosperous clubs, in particular South Melbourne, visualise a genuine National League confined to the 12 or 14 best clubs in Australia.

Geography would play no part in the make-up of this "Super National League" which, in theory, would

include all the outstanding players in Australia.

That sounds fine. It would be nice to think that the crowds would come flocking back if they were promised quality matches.

Yet the big drawback to such a competition would be the shortage, or indeed the absence, of supporters following teams from interstate.

Even if Brisbane City had a super team (and that's a big "if") they would not pull in 10 paying supporters to Pratten Park or Olympic Park.

And what sort of an attraction would Leichhardt be in West Adelaide's Hindmarsh Stadium?

The NSL, a year ago, decided it was essential to play more local derby games in order to lure supporters of TWO teams to matches.

This year's crowd figures have been very disappointing and that is why there is now so much talk about returning to a genuine national competition unfettered by geographical considerations.

ASW does not believe this makes much sense.

Local derbies are a must. Clubs must be able to draw on spectators supporting both the home and the

away team. If they play against interstate opposition, they automatically cut their potential audience by half.

But, getting back to a point made earlier ... is it not rather silly to make plans for a new-look NSL for 1986 before anyone has seen how the 1985 NSL season has shaped up?

Apart from any other considerations, the National League will have to settle soon on a stable format.

Changes made year after year will inevitably confuse the fans, many of whom are still trying to work out the weird NSL competition which has been such a disappointment this season.

Changes for the better are always welcome. But change for the sake of change is something which should be carefully avoided.

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WHERE were the previous winners? That's the question a lot of people asked at the Rothmans Medal Dinner at the Hilton in Sydney.

Some of the greatest names in Soccer have been proud winners of the Medal in the past and it was a big disappointment when the likes

of John Watkiss, Terry Butler, Manfred Schaefer and John McDonald missed the big night last week.

Since the advent of the National League, the Rothmans Medal function has certainly lost some of its attraction. That is why it is absolutely essential for the Medal to be thrown open to all players, rather than being confined only to State League players.

The valuable Rothmans Medal is supposed to be won by the Best and Fairest Soccer player in the State.

And since the National League went to a strength of 24 clubs, it is obvious to everyone that the Medal should be won by a player from a NSL club.

Fortunately, NSW Federation president John Constantine is aware of this problem and, last week, stated publicly that he would push for a change in 1985.

So long as the State League remains a minor competition, it will have to forego the privilege of supplying the Rothmans Medal winner.

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NOW IT'S A 1984 SOCCER SUMMIT

THE Sydney City v Sydney Olympic match at St George on Sunday should be one of the really great contests of the 1984 season.

This is the BIG ONE. Sydney City, dominating the competition for 95 per cent of the year, are up against an Olympic side which has come with a thrilling late run to cast fears into every NSL opponent.

It appeared a few weeks ago that City had gone off the boil but, even when they were turning in disappointing performances, they still picked up valuable points.

Last Sunday, Sydney City crushed Melita to show, as coach Eddie Thomson promised, "the jokes are over."

There is no doubt that stability is their trump card. Their team changes little year to year and players like Joe Watson, Murray Barnes, John Kosmina and Steve O'Connor can always be relied on to turn in consistent performances.

This year, the regulars have been augmented by promotions from the younger ranks, including Graeme Fletcher, Jean Paul de Marigny, Ean Rodrigues and Grant Lee. Lee and De Marigny have been

superb.

It says much for the skilful coaching of Eddie Thomson that these new players have fitted into the established Sydney City line-up so perfectly.

Thomson said last night: "Now for Sydney Olympic on Sunday to finish the job."

"They look good strong opposition and with Ras-kopoulos leading them into battle, it will be a great clash."

Sydney City will have the NSL's top goalscorer, John Kosmina, back.

Yet, while Sydney City could be described as "solid" there is a feeling of

urgency and excitement about their opponents.

Olympic would have to be the fastest team in the NSL.

Last Sunday they had their ninth consecutive win when they defeated St George, 2-1.

In defence, Jennings, Coady, Dakos and Rogers have few peers — and there is no better young sweeper in the game than Tony Dakos.

Olympic were able to shrug off the absence of key forwards Marshall Soper and Mark Koussas and still give Melita Eagles a good hiding recently.

ACE DEMON COLLAPSES

BY BRAD EARL

STUART 'SMURF' SELVAGE, the Blacktown City midfielder, collapsed on Saturday immediately following the Demons' victory over Penrith City at the Gabbie Stadium.

Selvage, 30, began to feel sick when he entered the social club adjacent to the ground.

"I went into the toilets, but I crashed against the wall," Selvage said.

"As there was no-one else around, I thought I'd better get out into the club where I could get help."

"I just got the door open and staggered out when I collapsed on a chair."

After treatment by club officials, Selvage recovered, although he was shaken by the incident.

"Nothing like this has ever happened to me before," he said.

However, the short Demons midfielder was still able to smile at coach Casey de Bruin's explanation.

"Casey said I suffered from altitude problems when I won a header during the game," Smurf explained.



□ BLACKTOWN'S Stuart Selvage hurdles an opponent.



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MARCONI TO BEAT JINX

MARCONI will be out to break the Leichhardt Apia 1984 hoodoo next Sunday in the first match of the Marconi Stadium double header.

The two clubs have met three times this year with Marconi able to snatch only one draw.

Apia's captain and midfield general Terry Butler said: "We've been able to get on top of Marconi so far this year, but although we have qualified for the top five, beating Marconi is always something special for us."

Apia could again be without their central defender, the powerful Arno Bertogna, with an injury, and Jim Ziras will come in to attack the ball, with Mark Pullen covering.

Marconi, after their 2-1 away win last Sunday against Sydney Croatia, will be out for another two points.

Coach Les Scheinflug said: "I want to finish in third position and am confident the boys can do it. With David Lowe, Tony Henderson and Craig Mason having solid games last week, I think we can break Apia this time around."

Apia coach Fil Bottalico is also confident that his boys will do the job and with Tony Morsello playing some of his best stuff in recent weeks, together with Kerry Caban and John Bradley, an exciting clash looks assured.



WOLVES STAR QUIT

LARRY GAFFNEY has had a confrontation with coach Adrian Alston — and will quit Wollongong Wolves.

Gaffney claims he was badly treated by Alston when left out of the team to play Blacktown recently.

He read of his omission in a newspaper and refused to strip as a replacement for the game.

BY PHIL MURPHY

"I was disgusted to be left out of the side when other players who haven't tried all season have been included," Gaffney said.

In a stinging attack on the Wollongong coach, Gaffney said Alston was trying to make stars out of players who weren't prepared to work in games.

Gaffney, one of the top midfielders in Australia, said everyone connected with the club knew what was happening and he wanted to get away as soon as the NSL season ends.

"I have tried as hard as I could all season and to be treated in this way is just a joke," Gaffney said.

"I watched the game against Blacktown from the stand and left the ground feeling I had been really badly treated."

Gaffney said one Sydney club has already approached him for next season.

A veteran of 198 NSL games with Wollongong and Brisbane City, he missed the previous week's game against St George with an ankle injury but declared himself fit to play against Blacktown.

Alston said the team he used against St George did well and he didn't want to make any changes.

"Gaffney was named as a replacement but told me he would not be available,"

Alston said.

"Some of our young players have done well this season and I thought it was reasonable to ask Gaffney to sit on the bench for the Blacktown game."

"He was still in the squad and would certainly have been used at some stage."

Club chairman Laurie Kelly said it was regrettable that a senior player should act in such a way.

"The board appoints a coach and we expect the players to abide by any decisions made on team selection," Kelly said.

"We are struggling on the bottom of the League and this is the last thing we want to happen."

"The club is planning for next year and we were hoping Gaffney would be



LARRY GAFFNEY: upset after reading of his omission in a newspaper.

with us."

Alston has had a tough initiation in NSL coaching this season but is keen to stay on with the club for next season.

He claims the current crop of young players will benefit from their experience and he hopes to have at least three new faces in his squad for 1985.

CANBERRA ARROWS v BLACKTOWN CITY



□ ANTHONY FRANKEN



□ GEORGE CHRISTOPOULOS



CHALLENGE ROUND

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GREAT TOUR FOR KIDS

NEXT week the young and untried Australian under-23 team jets off to Singapore for the 3rd Merlion Cup Football Tournament.

For this determined band of dedicated youngsters led by national youth coach Jim Shoulder, it will be like a journey into the unknown: for the majority of the squad, this will be their first taste of the real big-time. And what an initiation it will be. Shoulder and his squad will have the unenviable task of holding up an Australian tradition and reputation second to none in this series.

Under the leadership of former national coach Les Scheinflug, the Socceroos have had a mortgage on this magnificent cup and have claimed it since its inception in 1982.

This was a outstanding effort by Scheinflug of which he can be truly proud.

After his win last year, the effort was tended to be played down here and it was inferred that the Socceroos had nothing to beat in Singapore.

Having gone with the Socceroos in their successful defence of the trophy last year, I would like to put the record straight on this score.

The Socceroos had plenty to beat in Singapore and indeed were forced to fight every inch of the way against very good op-

position for their fine win.

Indeed one or two of the games were more like World War Three than a football tournament.

In fact the win was a great achievement in a Cup series that is growing in stature every year.

The Merlion Cup series is one of the best organised overseas events I have attended.

with two objectives — to provide wider publicity to Singapore through sport and increase support for Soccer in the Republic.

In two years it has achieved this in magnificent fashion and crowds of over 50,000 watch the Cup matches which, with Singapore, receive publicity throughout Asia and the Pacific.

This year this will be extended to Europe and Argentina through the expected participation of teams from these two regions.

Apart from the opposition teams, coach Shoulder and his youngsters will first have to combat the energy-sapping humidity and get acclimatised very quickly.

Properly determined rest and recreation is the secret in this aspect and the fresher a team is on match days, the better their chances of winning the trophy.

Once again South Korea will loom as a big danger and this is a team that must never be taken lightly.

The Koreans also have an advantage of a big vocal support as there are thousands and thousands of expatriot Koreans working on the building sites in the Republic and they all troop along to give their team the support they need.

The host nation Singapore are also another team that must be given plenty of respect, as at times they can reach heights that even amaze themselves.

The venue for the series is the magnificent National Stadium, a showpiece of sports stadiums.

However at this time of the year, heavy rain is prevalent in the area and the playing surface is heavy and wet.

Studded boots are a must for the young Aussies and coach Shoulder will have to make sure that all his players have a pair.

To even attempt to play



□ **VICTORY:** John Kosmina and Les Scheinflug return with the Merlion Cup.

on the Singapore national stadium in moulded rubber boots is "mission impossible."

Also the Australians will have to come to grips with the refereeing.

Some of the referees will be excellent, but the in-

terpretation of the rules of the game by others will no doubt mystify them.

What has to be realised from the start is that nothing can be done about it.

But it will be a marvellous preparation for our young team and the experi-

ence gained will prove invaluable in the important months ahead.

ASW, and I'm sure all sports fans throughout Australia, wish Jim Shoulder and his team Bon Voyage. Good Luck and happy hunting in the Merlion Cup.

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Singapore FA secretary Steven Tan runs the series on an ultra-professional and businesslike basis.

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The series was designed

Although there is fierce rivalry on the playing field, relations between the Singapore FA and the Australian Soccer Federation are warm, cordial and very friendly.

In fact it's always a pleasure for an Australian team to visit Singapore.

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The Plaza, during the weeks of the Merlion Cup, is the hub of the football world in Asia.



NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE MATCHES

BRUNSWICK UTD JUVE v

HEIDELBERG UTD

Olympic Park No 2 3pm

FOOTSCRAY v

GREEN GULLY

Schintler Reserve 3pm

PRESTON v

BRISBANE LIONS

Connor Reserve 3pm

ADELAIDE CITY v

BRISBANE CITY

Olympic Spts Field 2.30pm

CANBERRA ARROWS v

BLACKTOWN CITY

Hawker Oval 3pm

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS v

WEST ADELAIDE

Chaplin Reserve 3pm

SOUTH MELBOURNE v

MELBOURNE CROATIA

Middle Park 3pm

ROUND 28

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SUNDAY OCTOBER 7

MARCONI v

APIA LEICHHARDT

Marconi Stadium 1.15pm

SYDNEY CROATIA v

ST GEORGE

Marconi Stadium 3pm

PARRAMATTA-MELITA v

PENRITH CITY

Gabbie Stadium 3pm

SYDNEY CITY v

SYDNEY OLYMPIC

St George Stadium 3pm

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CROATIA ARE BIG THREAT

BEWARE of Sydney Croatia.

That's the message St George must heed against the NSL newcomers in the last round of the competition this weekend.

Although Croatia have been ruffled by changes in coaching staff this season, they are still a formidable team.

No-one doubts the deadly finishing of striker Graham Arnold. During the past three years he has consistently scored more than his share of goals and the St George defence

must mark him tightly — particularly inside our own penalty area.

Arnold's performances haven't gone unnoticed this season. He was recently selected as a stand-by player for the Merlion Cup squad and is also in the preliminary Australian squad to tour the world in November.

One player who can cause any team problems on his day is right striker Wally Savor. A club product, Savor has an extremely high workrate and also an eye for scoring goals.

Savor is also in the preliminary squad for the Socceros' world tour, and is regarded as a possible replacement for right-back Alan Davidson.

One player who has re-

captured the form that stamped him as Australia's No 1 goalie is Greg Woodhouse.

Signed from Leichhardt earlier this season, "Woody" has been in tremendous form since replacing Steve Watson.

Ironically, it was the first time Watson has been dropped during his eight-year career at Croatia.



□ GRAHAM ARNOLD (right): a deadly finisher for Croatia and a man who will test our defence this weekend.

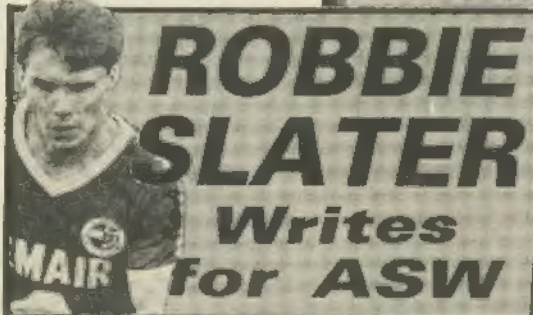
BUDINI'S GOLD

CONGRATULATIONS Ricky Budini — a deserved 1984 Rothmans Gold Medal winner.

Budini captured the award in a tight finish from Manly's Tom Steven.

Transferred from NSL club Marconi early this year, Budini produced many eye-catching performances which had him named as a favourite to take the award.

It wouldn't be surprising to see the 24-year-old defender snapped up by an NSL club next year.



ROBBIE SLATER Writes For ASW

SLICKERS WIN WAS WHAT WE NEEDED

OUR recent 1-0 win against Sydney City was the tonic needed to ease our relegation fears.

Beating the League leaders has been a hard feat for most sides this year.

In fact, it was the first time Saints have beaten the Slickers since the inauguration of the National League.

Many people wrote us off before the game but I thought we had a great chance of beating them.

Let's face it, we desperately needed the

points more than the Slickers.

Coach Frank Arok had us physically and mentally prepared for the "big one".

That victory stretched our unbeaten run to five games.

Commitment has been an aspect of play missing from St George this season, but it was a different story against the Slickers.

Each player was devoted to his respec-

tive job for the full 90 minutes.

When Sydney City attempted to push forward, we closed them down quickly and consequently threw them out of rhythm.

We changed our usual playing formation and it paid dividends.

Arok decided to play four players in the midfield, with Dez Marton and Peter Petkovski up-front.

Consequently, I was pushed back into the midfield, and it was a great experience.

You never appreciate how much work a midfielder does until you play in that position.

It's incredible how much running off the ball, grafting and defensive and attacking duties a midfielder has to do.

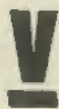
THE BIG ONE



□ JOHN KOSMINA

ST GEORGE STADIUM
KICK-OFF 3PM

SYDNEY CITY



SYDNEY OLYMPIC



□ ALEX ROBERTSON



□ GERRY GOMEZ



□ MIKE COADY



□ GRAHAM JENNINGS



□ PETER RASKOPOULOS

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

TEAM	AGGREGATE							HOME							AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
STH MELB	27	17	4	6	45	20	38	8	4	2	23	6	20	9	0	4	22	14	18		
MELB CROATIA	27	13	7	7	38	28	33	8	4	3	21	12	20	5	3	4	17	16	13		
H'BERG	27	13	7	7	36	27	33	9	3	2	24	13	21	4	4	5	12	14	12		
BRUNSWICK	27	13	4	10	36	41	30	7	2	3	22	17	16	6	2	7	14	24	14		
BRIS. LIONS	27	12	5	10	38	36	29	8	3	3	24	18	19	4	2	7	14	18	10		
PRESTON	27	11	5	11	42	33	27	7	3	4	30	14	17	4	2	7	12	19	10		
FOOTSCRAY	27	10	5	12	28	30	25	4	3	6	12	14	11	6	2	6	16	16	14		
AD CITY	27	9	5	13	31	33	23	5	3	5	19	16	13	4	2	8	12	17	10		
GR GULLY	27	8	6	13	31	35	22	5	3	5	19	16	13	3	3	8	12	19	9		
BRIS CITY	27	8	5	14	19	35	21	3	4	6	8	13	10	5	1	8	12	24	11		
WEST AD	27	7	5	15	38	51	19	6	2	7	27	22	14	1	3	8	11	29	5		
SUNSHINE	27	5	6	16	23	55	16	3	4	6	10	14	10	2	2	10	13	41	6		

AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
SYD CITY	27	17	7	3	66	20	41	9	2	2	40	12	20	8	5	1	26	8	21
OLYMPIC	27	16	7	4	60	26	39	9	3	2	36	15	21	7	4	2	24	11	18
LEICHHARDT	27	12	8	7	42	31	32	7	2	4	20	15	16	5	6	3	22	16	16
MARCONI	27	11	8	8	54	38	30	7	3	4	26	14	17	4	5	4	28	24	13
BLACKTOWN	27	11	6	10	42	48	28	6	5	3	28	22	17	5	1	7	14	26	11
NEWCASTLE	27	11	4	12	34	50	26	9	1	3	21	15	19	2	3	9	13	35	7
CANBERRA	27	12	1	14	47	38	25	7	0	6	25	14	14	5	1	8	22	24	11
ST GEORGE	27	8	9	10	38	39	25	5	6	3	23	17	16	3	3	7	15	22	9
SYD CROATIA	27	7	11	9	30	38	25	2	5	6	12	20	9	5	6	3	18	18	16
PARRA MELITA	27	8	8	11	23	36	24	4	3	7	12	17	11	4	5	4	11	19	13
PENRITH	27	7	10	10	27	41	24	4	5	4	15	21	13	3	5	6	12	20	9
W'GONG	27	4	5	18	20	58	13	3	1	9	11	24	7	1	4	9	9	34	6

RESULTS

• LEICHHARDT 1 (Bradley) WOLLONGONG 1 (Willis) at St George Stadium. CROWD: 642.
 • BLACKTOWN 4 (McLaughlin 2, Sandy, O'Connor) PENRITH 1 (Cotton) at Gabbie. CROWD: 952.
 • SYDNEY CITY 6 (O'Connor 2, Barnes, Lee, P. Falconer, Foxman) PARRAMATTA MELITA 0 at Sydney Athletic Field. CROWD: 823.
 • SYDNEY OLYMPIC 2 (Soper, Theodorakopoulos) ST GEORGE 1 (Petkovski) at St George Stadium. CROWD: 4,016.
 • SUNSHINE 1 (Pit) GREEN GULLY 0 at Chaplin Reserve. CROWD: 1,800.
 • PRESTON 1 (Hays) FOOTSCRAY 0 at Conner Reserve. CROWD: 4,000.
 • SOUTH MELBOURNE 2 (Halford, Brown) HEIDELBERG 0 at Middle Park. CROWD: 10,000.
 • BRISBANE LIONS 2 (McDonagh 2) BRISBANE CITY 1 (Pimblett) at Richlands Stadium. CROWD: 1,017.
 • SYDNEY CROATIA 1 (Carter OG) MARCONI 2 (Mason, Jankovics) at King Tomislav. CROWD: 2,805.
 • WEST ADELAIDE 0 ADELAIDE CITY 3 (Maxwell, Gatenby, Villani) at Hindmarsh. CROWD: 1,800.
 • MELBOURNE CROATIA 0 BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS 1 (Sweeney) at Olympic Park. CROWD: 2,639.
 • NEWCASTLE 2 (Boogaard, Allen) CANBERRA 1 (Sermanni) at Adamstown. CROWD: 1,700.

TOP SCORERS

- 20 — Kosmina (SC)
- 18 — D. Brown (SM)
- 13 — Katholos (SC)
- 11 — Arnold (S. Cr)
- 10 — McCulloch (M)
- 9 — Cairney (BL)
- 8 — Farina (CA)
- Brandt (NR)
- Jackson (PC)
- Dunn (P)
- McDonagh (BL)
- Egan (SM)
- Perinovic (CA)
- Soper (SO)
- Latif (SGC)
- Jankovics (M)

SANDY LEADS DEMONS CHARGE

BY BRAD EARL

ON their performance at the Gabbie on Saturday in defeating Penrith City 4-1, Blacktown City must be in with a great chance of making the top five play-offs.

For Blacktown's Demons, it was three wins on the trot and two points that lifts them clear of any risk of relegation. For Penrith's Panthers, the defeat brought up a hat-trick of losses that has plunged the club into desperate relegation trouble.

The man who led the charge for the Demons was Adam Sandy at central striker. As early as the second minute he had a shot charged down by Penrith full-back Peter Brogan.

Penrith went on the offensive and took the lead after only eight minutes, when Dave Fitzharris' inswinging corner was backheaded into the goalmouth by a Blacktown defender and Roy Cotton stabbed the ball home.

Yet Penrith was unable to consolidate the lead and Blacktown responded to the challenge with an equaliser 18 minutes later.

It started with Phil O'Connor beating Brogan on the right and passing to Stuart Selva, whose cross was headed into the top corner by Micky McLaughlin.

O'Connor's cross from the left flank set up Sandy for a powerful headed goal in the 40th minute, and Blacktown came out for the second half in an assertive mood.

In the 69th minute, the ball was played in from the right to McLaughlin on the edge of the area, and he turned away from two defenders and finished well for number three.

It was McLaughlin at his skilful best — showing the determination he needs to become one of Australia's top strikers.

The 20-year-old can only benefit alongside O'Connor, who broke clear of the defence on the left side of the penalty area for the fourth goal in the 84th minute.

That goal came from a perfect through-ball from central midfielder Gary Byrne, whose own game has been sparked by the great return to form of O'Connor.

For Penrith, it was a sorry performance, summed up by coach Willie Wallace: "You can't win games if you're second to every ball. If we play like that we don't deserve to be in the NSL."

They go into next Sunday's final match against Melita knowing they MUST win.

The side will be strengthened by the return of stopper Dave McIntosh from suspension, but Peter Brogan goes out after collecting 12 points, and that means Wallace will have to use a makeshift right-back.

BLACKTOWN: Hoare; Wheatley, Skellern, Dunleavy, Pointer; Selva, Byrne, Bourke; McLaughlin, Sandy, O'Connor.

PENRITH: Gibson; Brogan, Cross, Daley, Campbell; Witherspoon, Ainsworth, Fitzharris (Hale 68); Jackson, Cotton, Hunter (Easthorpe 63).

REFEREE: G. Power.

CROWD: 952.



□ HIGH-FLYER: Blacktown City's Adam Sandy (right) gets above Penrith's Ian Witherspoon, with team-mate Gary Byrne in foreground.

NEWCASTLE WIN IN A THRILLER

BY NEIL JAMESON

NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD UNITED extinguished Canberra Arrows' final five aspirations with a 2-1 victory at Adamstown Oval yesterday.

terday.

Canberra enjoyed the better share of the first half pressure, but it was Newcastle who reaped the reward for their opportunism.

Dean Milosevic's long throw was flicked on at the near post by Simon Brandt for Mike Boogaard to run onto and fire a close range shot high into the net.

Newcastle stretched its lead to 2-0 in the 49th minute when Steve Allen scored with a header from David Jones' cross.

But Canberra responded immediately through Tom Sermanni, who ran onto the rebound after a shot by substitute Frank Farina had hit the Newcastle upright in the 50th minute.

With a top five spot at

BRADLEY BOUNCES BACK

BY KEITH GILMOUR

JOHN BRADLEY rediscovered his scoring prowess after a five-match run of outs, but it was not enough to give Leichhardt the points against Wollongong City at St George Stadium.

The 1-1 result was fair enough on the run of play, with both teams squandering their share of the chances created.

Bradley goalied in the 30th minute from more than 25 metres. Sensing that Natch Vardareff had wandered off his line, he lofted the ball high above the big fellow into the net.

With right-back Vic Bozanic constantly carving his way forward through the night air, it was the Sydney side who shaded their opponents for the balance of the first half.

Nobody was ready for the drama that came immediately after the resumption. In just 20 seconds from the restart, the likely outcome changed as Mark Brown caught his tormentor Peter Kotaminidis' foot just inside the penalty area.

Wolves skipper Peter Willis sweetly put away the resultant penalty kick and the sides were on even terms.

From then on, it was open slather. In the 60th minute, Glenn Fontana raced in to intercept a Peter Tredinnick back-pass but he lobbed the ball just over the top.

He wasn't the only transgressor: near misses rained in as Leichhardt tried desperately to bring the South Coast upstarts to heel.

Bozanic and Bradley went closest for Leichhardt and Beggs for Wollongong.

But Wollongong, with Kotaminidis and Larry Gaffney dominant, kept backing up the man on the ball and challenging in defence to forge a creditable draw.

Terry Butler was in top form for Leichhardt. Fil Bottalico tried out Tony Genovese and Vince Colagiuri in a double change but to no avail.

LEICHHARDT: Parks, Bozanic, Brown, Ziras, Pulen, Butler, Bradley, De Ceglie (Colagiuri 86), Caban (Genovese 64), Tredinnick, Morsello.

WOLLONGONG: Vardareff, Condran, Fleming, Vlietstra, Dummett, Willis, Kotaminidis, Kerr (Bundalo 76), Beggs, Fontana, Gaffney.

REFEREE: K. Small.

CROWD: 642.

stake, Canberra turned the second half into a cup-tie with Farina proving a constant threat to the Rosebud defence.

It was Farina who provided the spark with his speed, fine shooting and running off the ball. Unfortunately it wasn't quite enough to give Canberra a vital share of the points from this thrilling encounter.

NEWCASTLE: Gosling, Maier, Boogaard, Owens, Thompson. Kerby (McQuarrie 63), Senkalski, Brandt, Milosevic, Jones, Allen.

CANBERRA: Franken, Ontong, Jones, Christopoulos, Harkins, Perinovic, Reis, Sermanni, Young (Farina 45), Gibson, Brockbank.

REFEREE: G. Warne.

CROWD: 1,700.



□ RACING: Mark Barton of St George chases Olympic's Jimmy Patikas at St George Stadium.

NO STOPPING MARSHALL SOPER!

BY TOM ANDERSON

"YOU can't stop the music" may be the theme of the Village People . . . but for the Sydney Olympic fans it's "You can't stop Marshall Soper."

This was proved beyond doubt at the St George Stadium when Olympic downed Saints 2-1 in one of the best encounters in the NSL this season.

Both teams put on a show that did them proud and gave the fans value plus.

Saints may have lost the points but they certainly didn't lose any friends with a performance that not only matched but, until 13 minutes before the end, looked like overpowering the mighty Olympic.

Saints coach Frank Arok's tactics of neutralising the Olympic midfield worked a treat and his side deserved to take the lead in the 55th minute through Peter Petkovski.

But then in the 72nd minute Olympic coach Manfred Schaefer brought on Marshall Soper who had been keeping the subs bench warm due to a bad shoulder.

This was the turning point of the game and Soper helped himself to a glory goal in the 77th minute and harassed the Saints defence into allowing Nick Theodorakopoulos to grab the winner seven minutes before the end.

The coming of Soper also allowed Peter Raskopoulos more space in the last 18 minutes and "Rasko" grabbed the initiative with both hands.

In fact at the end of the day, Raskopoulos was the only Olympic midfielder to come out of the game with his reputation unscathed.

Saints midfield combination of Pedro Ricoy, Peter Stone and Mark Barton came out well on top in the proceedings and can hold their heads up high.

For Olympic it was another fine win, though clouded by the Sydney City result.

However Olympic must be strongly favoured in the top five play-offs.

As for Saints, on this performance they looked anything but a team that has just escaped relegation and indeed looked a formidable combination.

The real winner on the day was Soccer and the NSL. If teams can turn in performances like this every week, the missing thousands will soon return to watch the action.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier; Phillips, Dakos, Coady, Jennings; Patikas, Raskopoulos, Katholos; Theodorakopoulos, Kousas (Soper 72), Kalantzis.
ST GEORGE: Greedy; Skeen, J.O'Shea, M.O'Shea, Koczka; Stone, Barton, Ricoy; Slater, Petkovski, Batten.

REFEREE: T. Davies.
CROWD: 4,016.

MELITA CRUSHED

SYDNEY CITY served warning to Sydney Olympic that they still mean business when they crushed Parramatta Melita 6-0 at the Sydney Athletic Field.

This match had everything crammed into 90 minutes.

Four yellow cards, a red card, two ambulances, 15 police and half-a-dozen goals gave the fans more than their money's worth.

Sydney City, without their deadly striker John Kosmina, played with only two strikers through the middle, Graeme Fletcher and Grant Lee, but these two youngsters caused enormous havoc in Melita's back-four.

With tough and experienced Steve O'Connor and Murray Barnes back in the line-up, Sydney City powered through Melita like a hot knife through butter.

goals, as well as keeping his flank clear at the back. The first goal came in the 16th minute from a well-taken corner by de Marigny to find O'Connor, who knocked in from close range.

De Marigny repeated the dose in the 31st minute. This time from his corner Melita goalkeeper Alex McPherson punched clear, only to watch in horror as the ball landed at the feet of Sydney City midfielder Peter Falconer.

Falconer crashed a first-time 12 metre shot into the target in a flash.

Sixty seconds later, de Marigny again was on the scene when he whipped in a perfect cross to pick up Barnes 10 metres out, who netted with a strong header.

In the 35th minute Sydney City scored for the fourth time when O'Connor cracked his second goal from close range after racing into the box to meet a low cross from Paul Kay.

Melita were on the ropes from this relentless, powerful, unified assault by Sydney City going in at half-time four goals down.

Melita strikers Paul Andricopoulos and Stuart Johnston threatened to break through with shots in the second half.

An incident in the 64th

minute saw Johnston stretched off and taken to hospital.

Sydney City wasn't finished. In the 69th minute, that boy de Marigny was at it again as he whipped in another cross to find Lee, who headed Sydney City's fifth goal.

Substitute John Foxman, who came on for Fletcher in the 72nd minute, scored City's sixth goal one minute after coming on.

Eight minutes from the bell, Melita's industrious midfielder Don Allan was sent off by referee Richard Lorenc for an alleged late tackle on Lee.

Melita coach Raul Blanco lamented: "They are a class side, but the Johnston injury was too much. This is not fair."

"Something will be done about it — I can assure you."

SYDNEY CITY: Pez-zano; Gomez, O'Connor, Robertson, de Marigny; Kay, Watson, (Paterson 74), P.Falconer, Barnes; Lee, Fletcher (Foxman 72).

PARRA MELITA: McPherson; McAusland, McGinn, Wilson (McDonald 45), Tredinnick; Jamieson, Allan, Farrugia (McKie 45); Laing, Andricopoulos, Johnston.

REFEREE: R. Lorenc.
CROWD: 860.

MARCONI'S MASON IN CHARGE

BY BRAD EARL

WITH more direction from midfield, Sydney Croatia could have earned a point in their home match against Marconi.

Instead, Craig Mason, aided by Tommy McCulloch, controlled the centre of the park, and led Marconi to a deserved 2-1 victory.

Mason, renowned for his long-range shooting with Newcastle KB, finally broke his drought since joining Marconi in April.

The ball came back from Rod Brown and David Lowe just outside the penalty area, and Mason raced in to hit it on the volley from 35 metres into the top corner of the net.

That was right on half-time, but Marconi had justification to be upset when referee Peter Rampley disallowed their penalty claims in the 32nd minute.

Lee Sterrey's backpass was pounced on by the ever-dangerous Lowe, and as he entered the penalty area he appeared to be impeded by Croatia goalkeeper Greg Woodhouse.

Croatia had four goal attempts in the first half, with the unorthodox style of Zeljko Jurin giving Nelio Borges and Graham Arnold chances.

Also, Wally Savor hit the crossbar with a header, and Shane Clinch made a strong run into the penalty area on the left, beating two players, but his shot skewed across the goalmouth.

At half-time, Marconi midfielder Mark Jankovics complained of an injury and was to be substituted, but just before going out, Rod Brown was suffering from blurred vision.

So Jankovics stayed on, moved to centre-forward in place of Brown, with Tilly Carbone taking up a midfield position.

It was a fortuitous switch, as Jankovics became the matchwinner for Marconi when he climbed high to head in a cross from Mason in the 62nd minute.

That was after Croatia had equalised when Marconi right-back Paul Carter scooped the ball over his goalkeeper



□ CRAIG MASON: first goal.

Bruce James for an own goal.

Marconi took even more control of the midfield in the latter stages of the match, but Croatia were lifted by the appearance of Kenny Boden for the last 22 minutes.

Boden used his skill to assert more control, highlighting the inconsistency of Borges and Wally Savor.

Youth team player John Ugarkovic made his NSL debut for Croatia at right-back in place of suspended Brett Woods.

CROATIA: Woodhouse; Ugarkovic, Tomasich, Sterrey, Vidaic; Meades (Boden 68), Savor, Borges; Jurin, Arnold, Clinch.

MARCONI: James; Carter, Spanos, Henderson, Calderan; Jankovics, Mason, McCulloch; Sharno, Brown (Carbone 45), Lowe.

REFEREE: P. Rampley.

CROWD: 2,805.



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ROUND UP

BOLAND STARS

BY STEVEN YOUNG

PRESTON retained their hopes of a place in the top five with a narrow 1-0 win over Footscray at Conner Reserve.

Preston are just outside the top five, two points behind Brisbane Lions and are confident that, come Sunday, they will celebrate their final placing in the top five.

Although Preston started the game favourites, they failed to achieve a good score, mainly because of good goalkeeping by Footscray's Dennis Boland.

Boland pulled off some brilliant saves to keep the score down.

Graham Heys scored the winning goal in the 34th minute. Zoran Ilioski mounted an attack from the left and crossed the ball to Heys who volleyed it in the roof of the net.

Footscray's best scoring chance came minutes after Preston had taken the lead, but Preston's agile goalkeeper Richard Wilson tapped over his bar a swirling

long range shot by Vlatko Belic.

The second half of the game was equally as dull. The highlight was a brilliant save by Boland in the dying minutes off Sean Lane, from a George Campbell cross.

Footscray missed badly the services of their hard working Gary McDowell who is sidelined by injury, and Preston played without purpose in the midfield due to relegation to the bench of their leading midfielder Zarko Odjakov.

PRESTON: Wilson, Opasinis, McMillan, Dunn, Dobson, Ilioski, Flavell, Heys, Campbell, Lucchesi, Lane.

FOOTSCRAY: Boland, Hazabent, Tansey, Kyriakoulas, Tutill, Karic, Belic, Curovic (Fernandez 74), Lujic, Caban (O'Donnell 55), Carroll.

REFEREE: B. Upjohn.
CROWD: 3,500.



DENNIS BOLAND ... Footscray

ADCITY ON TOP IN NON-EVENT

BY TOM McKAIN

ADELAIDE CITY charged to a 3-0 derby win over West Adelaide at Hindmarsh Stadium to end the SA scene with a 6-1 scoreline on the games played between the Adelaide teams this season.

It was almost a non-event as far as fans were concerned.

City hit the front in the 27th minute when midfielder Steve Maxwell hammered the ball past goalkeeper Gary Sproul.

Joe Mullen sent a ball to Mark Gatenby who made it 2-0 in the 39th minute, and in the 49th minute Charlie Villani converted the scoreline to 3-0 when he accepted the ball from midfielder Sergio Melta.

While Sproul was beaten three times he must be given credit for keeping the score down with two great saves in the second half.

Steve Papadopoulos had a chance to make the score respectable but blasted a penalty over the bar in the 60th minute after Nick Malavazos had been brought down in the box.

Tim Brown had a great header for West in the 56th minute only to see goalie Willie McNally tip it over his bar for a corner.

However over the 90 minutes it was Adelaide City who looked the better side with Maxwell, Melta and Villani dominating the midfield.

Both teams showed their respect for each other by playing "back-five" and perhaps the only excuse for West was that they were minus captain Graham Honeyman, who pulled out just before the kick-off with a flu virus.

The day was not wasted as far as West midfielder Theo Stamatiopoulos was concerned as he was added to the squad to defend the Merlion Cup in Singapore by coach Jimmy Shoulder who was at the

match.

The Australian Youth team coach was there to check on West's John Panagis, already in the squad, and City defender Alex Tobin, who has been selected for the squad to train for the World Youth Championship qualifying rounds next year, along with West's front-runner Nick Malavazos.

WEST ADELAIDE: Sproul, McGregor, McGachey, Mousoulis, Panagis, Brown, Hiern, Papadopoulos, Malavazos (Calinderis 70), Kritikos, Stamatiopoulos.

ADELAIDE CITY: McNally, Shillabeer, Tobin, Nyskohus, Flounders, Melta, Villani, Gatenby, Maxwell, Mullen, Cecere.

REFEREE: D. Campbell.
CROWD: 1,327.

CRINO WAS THE BRAINS

BY CON NIKOLOPOULOS

THE star of international midfielder Oscar Crino rose at Middle Park as he took South Melbourne to their third decisive win over Heidelberg United 2-0 in their final clash for the season.

The mastermind of the South Melbourne team assumed control of the midfield and led his team to their most valuable victory in the National League.

For the first time in eight years of national competition, South are certain to finish on top and are favourites for the 1984 Grand Final.

The all-Greek derby started at a frenetic pace, with both sides endeavouring to surprise with an early goal.

The breaks went South Melbourne's way in the opening quarter of the game and the Blues hit the lead through Carl Halford, playing his first game after a long lay-off due to injury.

Charlie Egan mounted their move that resulted in the first goal. The livewire latched onto a through-ball, burst along the sideline and cut the ball square to the oncoming Oscar Crino.

The skilful midfielder flicked the ball to Halford who threaded it into the net with a curling, angular shot.

The game died after South had taken the lead, and players from both sides engaged in some fierce tackles that forced referee Chris Bambridge to issue stern warnings.

Heidelberg had only one shot at goal in the opening half, by Steve Tasios. The young forward fired a powerful shot after a quick exchange of the ball with Steve Winn, but it flew well above the crossbar. By half-time, South Melbourne ap-

peared certain winners mainly because of their absolute dominance in the midfield through Crino and Halford.

In stark contrast, Heidelberg had sunk in their midfield, for Mike Valentine was completely out of the game and Joe Angele contributed little to the build-ups of the few Heidelberg attacks.

Heidelberg resumed the game determined to grab the equaliser and mounted some blistering attacks "from the right through Theo Selemidis.

Their revival, however, was halted by what was termed a "tactical blunder" by coach Brian Garvey.

Garvey took off his captain Selemidis, who led the short revival of the team.

Jeff Olver faced the firing squad for the second time in the 66th minute when Crino sent Charlie Egan through, along the touchline. Egan side-stepped Steve Marley and floated the ball to Doug Brown inside the area, who hammered the ball in the net.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets, Russell, Postecoglou, Blair, Yzendoorn, Murphy, Crino, Davidson, Halford, Egan, Brown.

HEIDELBERG: Olver, McKie, Yankos, McLeod, Selemidis (Petersen 64), Angele, Valentine, Patterson, Tasios, Winn.

REFEREE: C. Bambridge.
CROWD: 10,000.



OSCAR CRINO

LONG TIME BETWEEN DRINKS!

BY HARRY HALL
SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS defied the odds to record their second win over Green Gully 1-0 at Chaplin Reserve.

An early goal by Ion Pit enabled Georgie to accumulate another two points, but the newcomers to the National League are doomed to be relegated, having failed to lift themselves off the bottom of the table.

The game was a see-saw affair that produced very little spectacle, and gave the supporters nothing to enthuse about.

Green Gully had travelled to Chaplin Reserve

hopeful of a win that could lift them out of the bottom half of the table.

Their hopes however, were dashed in the eighth minute when a deceptive bounce of the ball caused Green Gully keeper Lou Denys to lose control of it and allow Pit to push it in the net.

Sunshine George Cross still face the prospect of returning to the State League. Their fate will be decided in the next month when Victoria champions Morwell Falcons will decide whether they will join the National League.

SUNSHINE: Tomkinson, Taylor, Scerri, O'Reilly, Bennett, MacLaren, Faulkner, Jovanovic, Toal, Pitt, Latif.

GREEN GULLY: Denys, Hogben, McLelland, Cannell, Williams, Vassallo, Wade, McGuinness (Krajacic 46), Smallman, Lewis, Carter.

REFEREE: E. Venios.
CROWD: 1,500.

BRUNSWICK GET THERE

BY DAVID BECK

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS secured a birth in the top five play-offs with a slender 1-0 win over Melbourne Croatia at Melbourne's Olympic Park.

A second half goal by Joe Sweeney helped Brunswick Juventus consolidate their position in the top five to finish the season on a high note, in spite of the troubles and tribulations the team experienced midway through the season through injuries to key players.

Absolute midfield dominance enabled Juventus to take control of the game and exert tremendous pressure on their opponents.

While John Dowie and Robert Cullen provided the strength in the midfield, it was defender Frank Geremia who provided the drive from the backline.

Geremia defended stoutly and promoted many attacks, testing Croatia keeper Yakka Banovic to his limit.

It was Geremia who engineered the winning goal in the 61st minute. The pacey defender made a run along the line and crossed the ball to the far post where lurking Joe Sweeney headed into the net.

The victory was Juventus' second over Melbourne Croatia this season, and was very well received by their supporters who urged them throughout the game.

For Melbourne Croatia, it was another disappointing performance but they can take comfort that they are finishing among the top five, either second or third depending on the outcome of their game against South Melbourne next Sunday.

MELB CROATIA: Banovic, Lewis, Curcio, Parton (Cumming 51), Hannah (Deankovic 56), Biskic, Campbell, Antolovic, Gojevic, Markovac, Brogan.

JUVENTUS: Martin, Geremia, Drinoczky, Rogers, Campbell, Lloyd, Dowie, Saglan, Cullen (Minichello 69), Cullen, Sweeney, Zinni.

REFEREE: J. Fokianos.
CROWD: 3,000.

LIONS SET FOR PLAY-OFFS

BY GREG RUSSELL

TWO second half goals from Scottish import Jim McDonagh gave Lions a 2-1 win over Brisbane City and put them in the box seat to win the remaining National Conference semi-final berth.

Lions are now in fifth place, two points ahead of Preston, whom they play in Melbourne next weekend.

The Brisbane team has an inferior goal difference and must ensure it does not lose to keep the semi berth.

Although Melbourne has always been a jinx city for Lions — the team has only won once there in eight years — the Brisbane side showed enough good form in the second half against City to make them favourites to take at least a point.

But the first half was not the same story. Lions, who had Calvin Daunt and Alan Hunter under suspension, were rocked by a brilliant fifth minute goal from City captain Frank Pimblett.

Pimblett hit a shot from 40 metres that dropped into the top of the goal.

Things looked bad for Lions 30 minutes later when nippy winger Clark Anderson bombed a golden opportunity to level the scores.

Anderson outspurred City's last defender Gary Bromfield and rounded keeper Kim Wishart but went too wide and his angled shot towards the open net hit the post.

It was a different Lions side after the break and McDonagh evened the score

with a brilliant individual goal after only 76 seconds.

He dispossessed City defender Frank Liddell and raced 20 metres before squeezing a low shot past Wishart.

Lions' captain John Stewart did all the lead-up work for McDonagh's second 20 minutes later.

After a good ball from Anderson, Stewart had his first shot well saved by Wishart, but the ball rebounded to him and he cleverly chipped it for McDonagh to head into the unguarded net.

Brisbane referee Alan Kibbler handed out six yellow cards during the game, three to each side.

Full-back Bobby McSkimming was one of the recipients and will be out, along with Hunter again for next weekend's vital clash.

BRISBANE LIONS: Farrow, Jackson, McSkimming, Vasquez, Niven, R. Stewart, J. Stewart, Anderson, McDonagh, Junna, Mulvey.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart, Fabrizio, Bromfield, Milovanovic, Liddell, Swan (Kowtan 56), Chapman (Walsh 39), Pimblett, Mengotti, Hamilton, Scriggins.

REFEREE: A. Kibbler.
CROWD: 1,070.

CHIT HAT



NOW it can be told — the top five series in the Australian Conference was almost switched to a Rugby League ground.

It will be held (all matches) at St George Stadium.

But there was a serious move to get it staged at Leichhardt Oval, home of Balmain Rugby League club.

Leichhardt was ruled out only because the playing surface was in such a shocking state.

ST GEORGE certainly missed the goalscoring punch of Dez Marton, who was suspended from Sunday's match against Sydney Olympic.

Coach Frank Arok, however, admitted: "The old chap lost his temper when he was sent off against Sydney City."

Arok suggested this was provoked after Marton "had been kicked about 20 times."

JOHNSTON GUEST



LIVERPOOL superstar Craig Johnston (pictured) was a guest at the NSW Rothmans Medal presentation last week.

However, Johnston wasn't given the recognition he deserves, and in fact he wasn't introduced until ASW staff brought this to the attention of MC, Barry Eaton.

Unfortunately there wasn't enough time for Johnston to address the audience.

ADELAIDE CITY are expected to renew attempts to sign Azzurri midfielder John Francis.

He decided to retire last year, but "gave it one more go" and walked away with the Rothmans Medal for the State League's Best and Fairest Player.

Francis said he didn't feel too old at 31, and would like to give the NSL a try, but would wait and see how he felt before the start of the Ampol Cup night series in January.

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NOW its official.

Robbie Dunn of Preston has said he would be interested in returning to West Adelaide next season.

"It depends on what arrangements the clubs make," he said.

"I'm happy to stay with Preston, but if they are willing to let me go and the deal is right then I could make the move."

"I've never made any secret of the fact that I went to Melbourne to try and improve my chances for the Australian team, and I like Adelaide."

The giant centre-back has another season of his contract to run with a \$12,000 transfer on his head.

Preston paid \$15,000 for him at the beginning of the year.

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PARRAMATTA MELITA's injury woes go on and on. Stomach muscle problems probably mean Dennis Duarte won't kick a ball until 1985.

Silvio Demanuele is also again on the injured list with a back ailment and Billy Griffiths remains a valuable asset kept out with injury.

Wayne Farnsworth, of course, has hardly been seen this year, so nobody should be surprised at the way Melita have skidded down the competition ladder in the past two months.

□ GREG WOODHOUSE: great to be back at the top.

MARCONI goalkeeper Bruce James will want to forget the 1984 season in a hurry after conceding two of the strangest goals ever seen in the National League.

The first was a few weeks ago at Henson Park when a kick by Leichhardt goalkeeper Bob Callin travelled the full length of the pitch to bounce over James' head into the net.

Then last week, Bruce was involved in an even more crazy goal.

He allowed a harmless ball to go past him, meaning to run back and pick it up in his penalty area.

Trouble is, the ball was travelling too fast and the unhappy James chased it desperately but couldn't stop it going into his net.

Ron Cavagnino, Marconi's president, commented: "I've seen two very strange goals in Soccer — and both were scored this year against Marconi!"

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LOUIS DOUNIS, who plays centre-forward for Canterbury in the NSW State League, could be moving up to the National League.

We hear Leichhardt are interested in fixing him up.

Dounis is only one of several useful players who was with Sydney Olympic but was allowed to drift away.



RICKY BUDINI was the most surprised person in the Hilton Ballroom last week when he topped the voting to win the NSW Rothmans Medal.

But one of his friends sitting at Ricky's table, 1983 Medal winner Agenor Muniz, was certain it was going to be Budini's night.

With only half of the votes counted, Agenor told Ricky: "Get your acceptance speech ready!"

Like Budini, Muniz won his Medal while playing for Avala.

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ALSO at the Rothmans night, Budini lost \$2 on the night in a bet with Terry Jones, Richie Williams and Ian Barker.

On the way to the function, the four players predicted how many points they would pick up — with Ricky aiming for eight.

The "winner" was Jones, who predicted, and collected, 10 points.

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WELL, at least it was a change from the usual abuse the referees receive from fans.

We're referring to the wag in the West Adelaide stand at Hindmarsh Stadium who yelled: "Hey ref, I'll be an astronaut before you're a referee!"



□ PAUL DEGNEY: successful season.

GOOD news for NSW members of the Australian Soccer Press Association (ASPA).

This month — make a note of the date, Friday October 26 — the State Player of the Year function will again be sponsored by Radio Rentals.

Last year, Phil O'Connor won a colour TV set donated by Radio Rentals. This year, the company has again kindly agreed to come to the party and, this time, we hear the prize for the winner could be even bigger.

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GREG WOODHOUSE has every reason to be delighted with his form since taking over as custodian with Sydney Croatia.

He was only 19 when he took over as Australian team goalkeeper against England, Northern Ireland and Mexico. After a long spell on Leichhardt's transfer list, he went to Croatia for a \$8,000 fee.

He has shown that he is now stronger and tougher than ever and is enjoying the variety of training exercises provided by latest club coach Vedran Rozic.

NSW State League club Rockdale benefitted from the services of former State defender Paul Degney this season.

Degney, 31, was signed on loan from Marconi and he was very happy to join the progressive club.

"There are a lot of very good young players here, and they will be even better next season," Degney said.

Degney gave Marconi tremendous service for more than 10 years, and it would be fitting if he is released on a free transfer next season.

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BRISBANE LIONS NSL players Phil Redmond and John Ogden didn't realise what they were letting themselves in for when they chose to make their comebacks from injury in the club's Intermediate League team's major semi-final against Valley Trident.

Both had been on the sidelines for several months.

Ogden ended up playing 120 minutes of football and Redmond 50 minutes as the match went to extra-time.

While both players were elated with the 3-2 win, they hardly had the energy to celebrate afterwards.



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SPARKS FLY AT THE ATHLETIC FIELD

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

SPARKS erupted at the action-packed Sydney City - Parramatta Melita Eagles match at the Sydney Athletic Field last Sunday.

A crowd disturbance broke out after an incident in the 64th minute which saw Melita striker Stuart Johnston stretched off.

The crowd erupted in the grandstand and the two policemen on duty moved down to pull out a fan and speak to him.

But Melita fans turned their wrath on the police, appealing for sympathy and understanding for anger triggered off by injury

to their player.

Johnston was knocked unconscious and was rushed to St Vincents hospital, suffering from concussion.

The two policemen called for back-up on their radio and within five minutes four cars arrived at the ground.

An ambulance arrived for the injured player.

Melita had midfielder Don Allen sent off by referee Richard Lorenc for an alleged late tackle on Grant Lee, but the match was anything but rough. In fact it was action-packed with top-paced Soccer and an avalanche of goals.

Melita coach Raul Blanco said after the match:

"This is the second time Johnston has come off the pitch injured against Sydney City.

"The first time, Johnston had to have a facial operation and was in hospital for three days and out of the game for five or six weeks.

"We want the press to expose it.

"Sydney City is a marvellous team and some of the rough stuff one of their defenders dishes out is just not needed. They were already too good for us and fully in control of the match being four goals up," Blanco added.

Referee Lorenc said he was not submitting a report on the incident.

LEICHHARDT, MELITA IN TOP FOUR

BY PETER RUSSELL

WINS for Leichhardt v Wollongong and Melita Eagles v Sydney City ensured their spots for the top four play-offs for the National Youth League.

A 1-1 draw was sufficient for the Saints against Olympic to make sure of their spot.

The final position was decided when Canberra defeated Newcastle 4-1 at Adamstown Oval yesterday, with Frank Farina and Manis Lamond doing the damage in the first half.

In other matches, Blacktown defeated Penrith 1-0 to move up one position in the final table, and Marconi finished with a 2-1 win over Croatia to put them in the right frame of mind for the Cup Final against Newcastle at Adamstown next weekend.

On Friday night at St George Stadium, Leichhardt had to wait until late in the second half to grab the points against the gutsy Wolves.

In the 76th minute, Frank Speranza capitalised on a mix-up in the Wolves area to slot the ball home and make up for some earlier misses.

Eight minutes later Gary Van Egmond made sure of the points when he ran on to an Ali Jaffar through-ball to score.

On Saturday at the Gabbie

Stadium, the Demons finished off the season with a win over neighbours, the Penrith Panthers.

It was a game of two halves with the Demons taking advantage of the very windy conditions in the first half, scoring through Brian Ellem direct from a free-kick in the 39th minute, then resisting Penrith's efforts in the second half.

In a tightly-contested game at the Sydney Athletic Field, a weakened young Sickers side, with only their pride to play for, forced the talented Eagles to fight all the way to win their place in the top four.

It took an excellent goal by substitute Boban Radinkovic in the 47th minute to do it.

At King Tomislav Park, Croatia's story of missed chances continued when they went down narrowly to neighbours Marconi 2-1.

Croatia created enough chances to win most matches but the spoils went to the workmanlike Marconi, who scored in the 20th minute when Geoff Gunning picked up a rebound off the wall to slot home.

Croatia levelled in the 55th minute through Joe Caieta, but Marconi came back with an excellent solo goal by Tony Marino in the 80th minute to seal it.

In the remaining game at St George Stadium on Sunday, the Saints overcame a first half deficit to grab a valuable point.

Olympic opened the scoring in the 40th minute when Tommy Massotta shrugged off challenges from the Saints defence to score from an acute angle.

When Saints Johnny Snyons was pushed in the Olympic area, he took the spot-kick in the 57th minute to level the scores. Saints applied plenty of pressure on the Olympic goal late in the game but were unable to add to their score.



STUART JOHNSTON

MELITA STAND UNDERWAY

BY KEITH GILMOUR

WORK has already commenced on building a 1,200-1,500 seater grandstand for Parramatta Melita Eagles at the Melita Stadium at South Granville.

A Federal grant of \$260,000 will be supplemented by club funds and labour.

The all up value of the stand and facilities will approximate \$500,000.

Club president Emanuel Said commented: "The job is for completion in 24 weeks. All being well it will be operative soon after the start of the 1985 season.

Melita is to be congratulated on the enterprise, which follows so soon after completion of the ground, embankments, lighting and sprinkler system.

Melita Stadium will be the only major Soccer ground in Sydney's populous west to have adequate covered accommodation

for such a number of spectators.

Included in the plans is an entertainment area and press box.

A condition of the Commonwealth grant is that 16 unemployed and underprivileged people are to work on the job.

Melita Stadium has sealed inside parking and plenty of additional space for cars behind the ground.

The present press-administration and canteen sections will form part of the new building.

Melita has planned well. The idea in the future is to extend the stand to 4,000 capacity, which would make it a club Soccer showpiece.



FRANK FARINA

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Canberra	24	13	3	8	49	38	29
Newcastle	24	11	6	7	34	31	28
Sydney City	24	9	4	11	49	36	22
Marconi	24	8	6	10	35	45	22
Blacktown	24	9	3	12	24	43	21
Olympic	24	8	4	12	46	50	20
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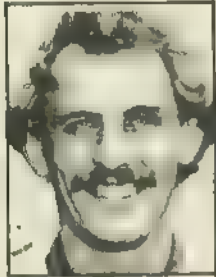
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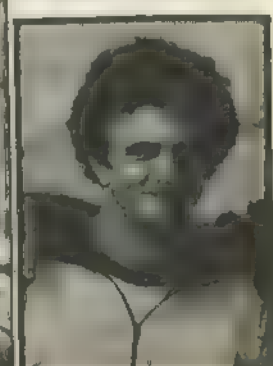
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RICKY BUDINI

BY BRAD EARL

WINNING the 1984 Rothmans Gold Medal has given Ricky Budini even greater resolve to re-establish himself in the top league in Australia.

"Although I've enjoyed playing for Avala, I will be aiming to get back into the National League next season," the 24-year-old said.

Budini, for two years a regular with Marconi, found himself on the outer with new coach Les Scheinfiug at the start of the season.

His last game for Marconi was in the 6-1 win over Sunshine-George Cross in the seventh round of the NSL. Then, the following

week he was relegated to the bench — along with Bert Mariani — for the match against Penrith. Budini had had enough: he had fought his way back into the team, only to be dropped after one full game.

Within days he went on loan to Avala, and it turned out to be a great signing for the State League club.

His versatility was a big asset — "I played as a stopper-cum-midfielder-cum-striker," Budini joked.

"I really enjoyed playing as a striker, and I think I scored about eight or nine goals."

So is that where his future lies?

"I'd love to play as a striker — as long as I could turn as quickly as Rod Brown."

"However, I think I'm a natural defender because of my build."

The big difference between State and National League in his role as a stopper is that he had more freedom to push forward in the State competition.



"In the NSL it's a bit difficult to go forward when you've got a player like John Kosmina to watch," he said.

Budini easily adapted to the requirements of the NSL when he made the step-up from State League after a successful season with Polonia in 1981.

That year, Polonia reached the semi-finals, and Budini finished sixth in the Rothmans Medal count.

"Playing in the State League toughens you up for the NSL," he commented.

Budini says Doug Collins, his coach at Marconi last year, helped him a lot.

"Doug was the best coach I've ever had: he was terrific."

Employed as a freight manager for a courier company, Ricky, born in the Sydney suburb of Stanmore, is married to Elaine, and the couple have three children — Kylie (aged four) and twin boys Ricky and Justin.

Last week, Ricky Budini joined a select group of players who have been awarded the gold medallion as New South Wales' Best and Fairest Player.

"When I came sixth in 1981, I remember coming home thinking to myself

Medal winner wants return to top league

that here I was in the company of great winners of the Rothmans Medal like Manfred Schaefer and John Watkins.

"Now here I am as the winner — it's just unbelievable."

'A TREMENDOUS AVALA LEADER'

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

"HE has been a tremendous leader and an inspiration to the Avala side," remarked Ku-ring-gai coach Vic Dalglish after Ricky Budini was voted 1984 Rothmans Medal winner.

Dalglish, along with Auburn-Uruguay secretary Fred Parker, had nominated Budini as their choice to win this prestigious award in a survey conducted by ASW last week.

Dalglish wasn't surprised when Budini finished first in the voting with 23 points.

"Even though he missed the first four matches in the competition I still thought he would have won it," Dalglish said.

"Marconi made a mistake letting him go and it's a tribute to Avala to win the Medal two years in a row."

This year many followers firmly believed that Inter Monaro's Walter Valeri and Bas Giampaolo and Rockdale's Ross Brown would win the award.



□ TOM STEVEN: runner-up

All three were prominent in the final points tally but once again it was proved that it is extremely difficult for someone to accumulate a lot of points when playing in teams full of talented players.

As Fred Parker said: "If you're a top player in an average team you've got a much better chance of winning."

What's more surprising is that some of the top placegetters have played NSL football.

Budini left Marconi earlier this year after two NSL seasons, while third placegetter Giampaolo left Apsa Leichhardt after a pre-season tournament this year.

Auburn midfielder Steven Knight left Sydney Olympic last year and this season was re-united with his youth coach at Olympic, Ljubo Gojkovic.

Knight, 21, hasn't yet realised his full potential.

Walter Valeri — also on 19 points — enjoyed considerable success playing for Canberra Arrows and Leichhardt.

Canterbury-Marrickville defender Spiro Hantzis was a surprise leader after seven rounds with 14 points, but with the Berries going through a bad spell after the seventh round Hantzis also suffered and didn't add any further points to his total.

POINTS

23
Ricky Budini (Avala)

21

Tom Steven (Manly)

20

Bas Giampaolo (Monaro)

19

Antec Gales (Polonia), Steven Knight (Auburn), Walter Valeri (Monaro)

17

Ross Brown (Rockdale)

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John Stoddart (Sutherland)

15

Ray Carney (Auburn), John Clarke (Yugali), Nigel Groome (Sutherland)

14

Spiro Hantzis (C-M'ville)

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Robbie Stuart (Manly), Chris Themnides (Yugali)

12

Peter Dean (Warringah), David Forrester (Yugali), Mark Holloway (Manly)

11

Steve Blackburn (Bankstown), Isaac Farrah (Monaro), Keith Schumann (Sutherland)

10

Glen Jeffrey (Ku-ring-gai), Terry Jones (Rockdale), Richie Williams (Avala)

9

Ian Barker (Polonia), Scott Lumsdaine (Polonia), Andy Tracey (Ku-ring-gai), Ashley Williamson (Manly)

8

Billy Bulloch (Warringah), Craig Hall (C-M'ville), Andrew Monterosso (Inter-Monaro), Gary Sandner (Warringah), David Watt (Auburn)

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Terry Bertram (Ku-ring-gai), Allan Bourke (Ku-ring-gai), Wayne Coates (Bankstown), Loui Downie (C-M'ville), Mitch Hestford (Sutherland), Nicky Kotzohamos (Rockdale), Kenny Slaveski (Rockdale), Jim Webber (Sutherland)

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Tony Brennan (Monaro), Michael Fogarty (Polonia), Frank Hasnic (Bankstown), Jim Meerban (Bankstown), Bruce Thurlow (Avala), Neale Williamson (Ku-ring-gai)

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Craig Bass (Ku-ring-gai), Hassan El Hussein (Bankstown), Mark Francis (Monaro), R.J. Jeal (Yugali), Vince Nestovski (Rockdale), Vojtek Nowak (Polonia), Henry Owczarek (Polonia), Wayne Parker (Bankstown), John Quigley (Ku-ring-gai), Craig Rogers (Sutherland), John Santolin (Monaro)

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Roy Agostino (Bankstown), Peter Berry (Yugali), Nick Conradi (Manly), Vic Del Forno (Sutherland), Brian Dene (Ku-ring-gai), Bruce Doyle (Manly), Zivko Miodovic (C-M'ville), Carlos Rosano (Auburn), Don Smith (Rockdale), Derran Wilson (Rockdale)

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George Akoutas (Auburn), Wally Apanian (Bankstown), David Banales (Auburn), Paul Darr (Sutherland), Ali El Zein (C-M'ville), Dennis Farnistis (C-M'ville), A. Gibson (Yugali), Mark Hargrave (Sutherland), Peter Maccock (Warringah), David Jack (Warringah), Vic Juchniewicz (Polonia), John Keraspyros (C-M'ville), Lucky Konitsis (C-M'ville), Gary Milne (Avala), Simon Pares (Manly), Slav Planinic (Auburn), Ken Sorge (Warringah), Peter Terry (Sutherland)



□ RICKY BUDINI (centre) pictured with ASW staff (from left) Andrew Paschalidis, John Economos, Brad Earl and David Jeilings.



□ BUDINI (left) on duty for Marconi last season, covering Sydney Olympic's dangerous striker Marshall Soper, as keeper Bruce James claims the ball.



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□ IAN PARKER: Tasmanian rep.

FINALS TIME IN TASMANIA

BY "VAN DIEMEN"

RAPID made up for its dismal performance against Juventus-Pioneer in the semi-final of the Cadbury Top Four series by beating Launceston United 4-2 in the semi-final of the John Kalis Memorial Trophy.

Neil Thomas and Billy Kirkpatrick, who had played poorly in the 1-2 loss to Juventus, hit two goals each to beat Launceston United, who replied with goals by Corbett and Chadwick. Ulverstone will meet Rapid in the final of the John Kalis Trophy after it beat Devonport City, also with a 4-2 scoreline. Abley scored both of Devonport's goals while the marksmen for Ulverstone were Foote, Smith, Jones and Howe. Despite the absence of player-coach and leading scorer Ken Morton, Juventus-Pioneer easily won against Rapid with goals by John Broadhouse and Ronnie De Felice. Rapid coach David Crosson got Rapid's consolation goal right in the final whistle with a direct free-kick. In the other semi-final of the Top Four competition, Olympia-WPL finally showed some sort of form in beating University 2-1. Munro's dipping volley gave Olympia the lead but Bobby Rybak got a touch to Frarraccio's free-kick seconds before the interval to equalise for University.

Craig Nichols notched the winner in the 55th minute after he and Perry Forster had first volleyed backwards and forwards across the goalmouth with the University defence looking on. Rapid will meet Olympia in the preliminary final for the right to meet Juventus in the final.

TASMANIA coach David Crosson has selected a 15-man squad to play Frank Arok's Australian national team at Grove Road, Glenorchy, on Wednesday, October 10. The squad is: goalkeepers Steven Craven (Juventus), Rob Smith (Ulverstone); defenders Michael Driessen (Uni), Liam Monagle (Georgetown), Nick Di Martino (Juventus), Chris Hey (Olympia), Larry Nunn (Croatia); midfielders Ian Parker, Terry Banagan (Caledonia), John Charlton (Juventus), Brian Davidson (Georgetown), Peter Sherman (Olympia), Richard Leszczynski (Uni).

JUVENTUS-PIONEER won the Rothmans League Division I Cup final by beating the Rothmans League champion, White Eagles, 2-0 with goals by Johnny Genovesi and Steve Parodi. Juventus scored in each half and then had Burrows and Lapolla sent off, but managed to withstand a blistering fight-back by Eagles, who hit the post twice.

□ TERRY BANAGAN Tasmanian rep



BIG PROMOTION ON NSW NORTH COAST

REPORTS ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

IN some areas Soccer is one of the more poorly promoted sports, but that's not the case on the North Coast of NSW.

This Sunday, through the strenuous promotive efforts of Northern Rivers Television, the inaugural NRTV Annual Soccer Challenge kicks off at the "Lions Den" Coffs Harbour Showground. This match will be televised live by NRTV and it features the premiers of the North Coast Premier League — Coffs Harbour Lions — and the Lismore District champions, South Stars United. Both teams have been in outstanding form in their respective competitions this year and a huge crowd is expected to attend this inau-

gural challenge match. NRTV spokesman Barry Daley has been impressed with the response from the Coffs Harbour community. "The local service clubs are providing refreshments, rides and other facilities for the crowd," he said. "There is no long weekend and there should be a large crowd in attendance. It will be a great day out for the family." "Don't forget it's free," Daley added. During the past two seasons, Coffs Harbour Lions have won the Northern Premier League minor premier-

ship as well as winning last year's Grand Final against Port United 3-2. Lions coach Jim Simpson has been impressed with the performance of his midfield combination this year and feels this is where the game will be won. "Our midfield has been in tremendous form," he said. "Don't forget we have a great goalscoring opportunist in Billy Kenny and our goalkeeper Frank Maione has stood out also." A well-known face in the Coffs line-up is captain and midfielder Peter Rea, who played with Marconi and



□ PETER REA

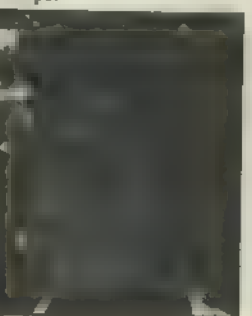
Bankstown in Sydney. On the other hand, South Stars' United supremo John Essex is prepared to give the Lions a two-goal start. "We beat them 3-0 in a pre-season game and they had been training for six weeks," he said. "Naturally they would have improved but we've improved by at least 300 percent."

"I'm quietly confident of beating them by at least two goals," Essex added. This year South Stars have the minor premiership, pre-season tournament and lost the Grand Final to Eastwood (Lismore) on penalties.

Souths are flooded with talented players with Greg Sharp (defence), John Kay (midfield), Kevin Wilson (striker) and Michael Powell (goalkeeper) standing out.

In Soccer circles, Lismore has been instrumental in producing Australia's number one goalie Terry Greedy, who is currently playing with St George in the National League.

Another product of the North Coast district is Sydney Olympic "atom" Gary Phillips.



□ FRANK MAIONE



□ TASMANIAN action as Croatia attack Juventus. Croatia's Tony Bacic (facing) and Larry Nunn climb high for the ball, flanked by Juve's Kent (at left) and Darko (No 3).

IPSWICH'S BID FOR SECOND FINAL WIN

BY GREG RUSSELL

IPSWICH UNITED will be hunting their second Queensland Grand Final win in three years at Perry Park this Sunday.

Ipswich won the last State League Grand Final when goals from Randall McKeand and Mark Brusasco gave them a 2-0 win.

Last year Ipswich bowed out of the semi-finals when they were suprisingly beaten by Lions 1-0 in the knockout semi-final. But Ipswich will go into this weekend's Grand Final as favourites after beating Mount Gravatt 2-1 in extra-time with a headed goal off an Ian Lawrie free-kick.

And the two players combined again in the first half of the time on period for Marszalek to topeke the winner.

Ipswich's depth though will be tested this weekend, as two first team players are suspended.

Experienced midfielder Gerry Lindsay was suspended for two matches after being sent off in the final, while full back Nev O'Sullivan was cautioned in the major semi-final and passed the maximum 12 penalty points.

Ipswich will go on a seven-day tour of New Caledonia in November and are keen to go away as Federation champions.

QSF officials are predicting a huge crowd this weekend thanks to a new system of making tickets available through the clubs.

Three grand finals will be played, starting with the amateur first division match, then the Intermediate League final followed by the Premier League clash.

WESTBURY CUP WIN

NEWCASTLE ROSEBUDS added the local Westbury Cup to the NSL Cup when they defeated Adamstown Rosebuds 3-0 last Wednesday night.

Both clubs are connected with the Adamstown Rosebud Soccer Club Ltd and it was a remarkable showing for both to make the final.

The "Rosebud" tag reflects the background of the original English migrants who set up the club no less than 97 years ago.

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— BILL TURNER



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The Canterbury club in those days was the place to be.

It was unique in Australian Soccer then. Even today, there are few, if any, clubs who can emulate the deeds of Canterbury in that era.

Led by Joe Vlasits, Canterbury competed with the best in those days with basically local talent.

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CANBERRA ARROWS will hold their annual presentation night at the Downer Olympic Club on Friday, October 19.

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And the fact that they are holding their 10th reunion indicates what a real club it



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WITH JOHNNY WARREN

was in those days.

The reunion will be held at the Canterbury Hurststone Park RSL Club on Friday, October 12, and former Canterbury players,

officials and supporters should ring Frank Nobbs (529 9479) or Geoff Campbell (78 2550) to book for what will be a great night.

HONOUR FOR VLASITS

SPEAKING of reunions and presentations, the NSW Soccer Federation's testimonial dinner for "Uncle" Joe Vlasits (pictured) is more than a worthwhile cause.

Few have done more over the years than the likeable Vlasits for Australian Soccer.

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The NSW Soccer Federation is to be applauded on its staging of the dinner and

all in Australian Soccer should support this tribute to Uncle Joe.

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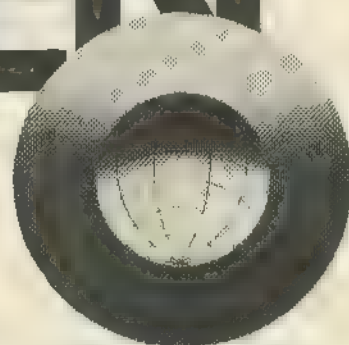
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ROCKDALE'S GREAT COMEBACK

ROCKDALE ILINDEN avenged their premiership loss to Inter-Monaro, comfortably defeating them 3-2 in the NSW State League grand final at Marconi Stadium.

The narrow scoreline suggests a close match but Inter-Monaro were kept in the game during the second half through some brilliant goalkeeping by

Michael Hocking and erratic finishing from the Rockdale attack.

Inter Monaro's cause wasn't helped when striker Tony Brennan was sent off in the 43rd minute. As Monaro captain Walter Valeri said: "That was the turning point of the game."

If there was a "Coach of the Year" award for the State League, Rockdale's Ilya Takac would be the favourite. His two-year stint with the club has seen them climb up from the second division to grand final success in the first.

Takac was extremely pleased with his team's performance—particularly in the second half.

"The game was too rough during the first 45 minutes," he said.

"I told the boys at half-time to go out and play some entertaining Soccer and forget about the rough stuff."

"They certainly produced the goods," Takac added.

Monaro dominated play during the opening exchanges and were rewarded with a goal after just nine minutes.

Sweeper Angelo Ambrosino made a surging run through the middle, put the ball through for team-mate Walter Valeri and he made no mistake with a confident low drive into the Rockdale goal.

Rockdale's equaliser in the 26th minute was the best goal of the game.

Defender Paul Degney made a piercing run down the right side and his pinpoint cross was brilliantly headed into goal on the turn by midfielder Terry Jones.

Despite this setback, Monaro maintained their momentum and moved back into the lead seven minutes later.

Bas Giampaolo, who had a quite game in attack for the premiers, made a strong run into the Rockdale penalty area and was brought down by Jones. Valeri's penalty kick never



□ **JUBILATION** for the Rockdale team and supporters following their Grand Final victory.

PHOTOS: DAVID JELLINGS

looked like missing.

With Brennan's sending-off in the 43rd minute, Monaro were forced to adopt defensive tactics, attacking in quick counter-attacking movements.

On the other hand, Rockdale moved forward at every opportunity and continually flooded the Monaro penalty area with dangerous movements.

Four minutes after the break, a header from Rockdale's Darren Wilson was headed off the line by Monaro defender Harry Williams.

In the 54th minute Jones broke through on the left and his powerful shot was well saved by Hocking. The clearance from the Monaro defence was intercepted by Rockdale striker Branko Karanfilovski and he gave Hocking no chance with his shot.

Rockdale almost moved into the lead for the first time in the 59th minute when a header from Ross Brown rattled the Monaro crossbar.

Monaro's fate was sealed with five minutes remaining when Jones made no mistake from close range following a goal-mouth scramble.

In a fine team performance from Rockdale, sweeper Billy Pilovski and midfielders Vince Nastevski and Jones stood out.

Monaro were best served by Hocking, midfielder Billy Willox and Harry Williams who showed composure in defence.

ROCKDALE: Nick Kotzohambos, Paul Degney, Kenny Slavski, Darren Wilson, Billy Pilovski, Terry Jones, Vince Nastevski, Bobby Yousiph, Ross Brown, Jimmy Risteovski (Peter Trajanovski 85), Branko Karanfilovski.

MONARO: Michael Hocking, Gabriel Domazetovic, Harry Williams, Angelo Ambrosino, Mark Francis, Billy Willox, Andrew Monterosso (Phil Dachs 85), Isaac Farell (Gabriel Wilke 67), Tony Brennan, Walter Valeri, Bas Giampaolo.

REFEREE: D. Renne. **CROWD:** 2,309.

SECOND GRADE 'FIASCO'

IN the most astounding decision in NSW Soccer this year, the second grade grand final was declared to be a FINAL only 24 hours before the kick-off.

It all came about because Ku-ring-gai, the premiers, allegedly played an ineligible player in their semi-final against Manly.

Ku-ring-gai beat Manly in this game and progressed into the grand final.

Manly went into the final against Sutherland and were comprehensively beaten 2-0 by the Sharks. This win earned Sutherland its spot in the grand final.

The grand final was scheduled between Sutherland and Ku-ring-gai for Sunday September 30 at Marconi Stadium.

On the Saturday it was advised that the game would be a final and the winner would play against Manly in a grand final on a date to be advised.

The supporters at the Marconi Stadium were told that because of a "technicality" the scheduled grand final was only a final.

Technicality indeed. The rules are very specific, a player must go onto the field for at least two of the last three games of the competition. Having the name on the team sheet is not sufficient. We all know that these "technicalities" are being regularly broken. Croatia fell foul of them in the third grade in 1982, Avala last year and now this episode.

Now that the final series has been seriously disrupted and the game taken further away from professionalism I have questions to ask.

1. If a team was in breach of a "technicality" during the final series, why were they allowed to continue in that series? Why were they given the opportunity to win the series?

2. What fine is going to be imposed to discourage other clubs from being in breach of this and other technicalities.

3. How can a team which has been beaten in both the major semi-final and then in the final be declared a starter in the grand final.

4. If the major semi-final was declared null and void then the final should become the grand final.

5. (This is probably the most pertinent question.) How come it took three weeks for the question to be raised? Surely if the Federation is on the ball, the qualification of all players should be established so that this stupid situation would never arise.

If we are to see ourselves as a professional sporting organisation then our administration from club level through to the ASF has to act in a professional manner and not allow repetition of this ludicrous situation.

Signed by Glen Robinson, Publicity officer, Sutherland Shire District Soccer Club

SHARKS GO THROUGH

THE Grand Final that wasn't the Grand Final.

The would be the best summary of the second grade fixture played at Marconi Stadium.

After Sutherland defeated Manly in the final two weeks ago, the Sharks were ready to face premiers Ku-ring-gai in the grand final.

This was not to be.

Ku-ring-gai had played an ineligible player in their semi final against Manly and it was decided that Ku-ring-gai and Sutherland play each other to determine a grand final contender for Manly.

Sounds confusing doesn't it.

The Sutherland team

were not disturbed by the last-gasp changes and went on to comfortably defeat Ku-ring-gai 1-0.

In fact, the Sharks looked well in control in the second half after Wayne Parsons put them ahead in the 46th minute.

The venue for the rearranged grand final between Sutherland and Manly will be decided at the NSWFSF general meeting today (Tuesday).

SUTHERLAND: Craig Birchmore, Glenn Foster, Robert Sellar, Ian Burrow, Greg Leronde, Wayne Cox, Andy Connor, Brandt Cashman, Scott Hughes, Wayne Parsons, Ross Tasker.

KU-RING-GAI: Andrew Lacey, Richard Ings, John Foulas, David Marlin, Gavin Mortlock, David Franklin, Peter Seach, Andrew McCannor, Graeme Williamson, Neil Hunter, Andrew Harper.

SUTHERLAND SOCCER CLUB

STATE LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Applications are invited for coaching positions for the 1985 season.

Applications should be sent to:—

Secretary,
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BLACKTOWN & DISTRICTS SOCCER FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

The Above Association invites applications for the following positions for the 1985 Soccer Season.

- (1) Director of Coaching
- (2) Coaches for Youth League Teams (Under 13-14-15-16)
- (3) Coaches for Metropolitan Championship teams (Under 11 and 12)

All applications giving full details of the applicants qualifications and experience are to be forwarded to: The Secretary, Blacktown & Districts Soccer Football Association, Post Office Box 549, Blacktown 2148, by October 5, 1984.

If further information is required, contact Mr A. Lobley by telephone on 621 1580.

PENALTY DECIDER

PENALTIES had to decide the issue in the third grade grand final between Sutherland and Manly.

After the standard extra-time period with the scores locked at 1-1, Sutherland finished victors in the penalty shootout winning 4-2.

After only two minutes Sutherland raced into the lead when a backpass by Manly defender Melville was intercepted by Sutherland's Duncan and he comfortably tapped the ball home.

Manly bounced back and equalised through Theodore in the 32nd minute. With no addition to the scoreline after extra-time, the winner was decided on penalties.

SUTHERLAND: Mrvoc, Rankin, Hawkes, Tever, Bond, Wickers (Christodolou 66), Nelson, Robinson, Duncan, Lovelock, Mellier.
MANLY: Tingle, Theodore, Melville, Gonzales, Varga, Dennis, Reeve (McShane 55), Cinarossi (Green 72), Duncan, Larnac, Loughran.

□ **GRAND FINAL ACTION** as Michael Hocking, the Monaro goalkeeper, challenges Rockdale's Ross Brown for the ball.



FERNHILL BREAK 30-YEAR DROUGHT

BY PHIL MURPHY

WINGER Gary Pruks and defender Paul Sallabank were outstanding as Fernhill cruised to a 5-1 win over Bulli in the Illawarra Premier League Grand Final at Memorial Park.

Fernhill hadn't won a grand final for 30 years but broke the drought in style after holding a slender 1-0 lead at half-time.

Pruks laid on three of the goals and was rewarded with one himself in the last minute. Sallabank scored two goals after moving up for set pieces and was named Man of the Match by a panel of judges.

For Fernhill players and supporters it was a signal to start a long celebration, and two "old-timers" reminisced on the club's previous grand final win.

Jim Jones, who played centre-forward for the club when they won the trophy in 1954, and team manager Jack Studholme were both at the ground to see Fernhill win.

Bulli looked the better of the two teams in the opening 10 minutes and midfielder Paul Blanton had two half-chances to give his side the lead.

Once Fernhill settled down, the result looked a foregone conclusion.

After Sallabank scored the first goal, a bad goalkeeper mistake by Kevin Knutter just after the break sealed Bulli's fate.

Knutter allowed a Pruks' cross to slip out of his hands and Steve Quinn was on hand to head it home.

Then Sallabank, a gem of a goal from Peter Thomson and right at the end Pruks completed a miserable afternoon for Bulli.

Their consolation goal came after Fernhill had scored four of their goals and was headed in by Ron Van Ede.

Fernhill coach Gerry Walker has completed a great initial season in coaching his team having won the League and the Grand Final.

He said after the Grand Final his players came out of a shaky patch midway through the season when people thought they were "gone".

"They showed a lot of character to come back as they did and they were really bri-

liant at times out there in the second half today", Walker said.

Losing coach Norm Flanagan paid tribute to Walker and his players.

"We were never really in the game apart from the first 10 minutes, the boys seemed a bit overawed by the occasion at times," Flanagan said.

Despite the heavy defeat, Bulli have had a big season as they weren't given much of a chance of qualifying in the top four at the start of the year.

In reserve grade, Bulli again went down after finishing level 2-2 with West-Figtree.

The result was decided on penalty kicks and Bulli failed to find the net with any of their five Figtree scored with their first and fifth kick.

Warilla Wanderers proved too strong for Figtree in Under 19's winning 3-1.

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THE long career of Robert Banks came to an end when

Bellambi lost their Toohey's Premier League final to Bulli at Crehan Park.

Banks has been with the club in their senior teams for more than 20 years.

Despite a number of injuries which would have forced many other players to hang up their boots, Banks kept coming back to play with the Elizabeth Park side.

He was part of many triumphs with Bellambi when they were the glamour side in Illawarra, but battled on in recent seasons when they were fighting relegation.

Coach Tony Gill paid tribute to Banks after his last game.

"He has been a model club man and played many times carrying painful injuries; his dedication to Bellambi has been remarkable," Gill said.

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SPARE a thought for First Division club Aris

They managed to get all

three teams in to the grand finals but lost all three.

The first grade went down 0-1 to champions Port Kembla, who scored direct from a Peter Frino corner kick.

In reserve grade, Port Kembla again accounted for Aris, while the Greek backed club went down to Balgownie in Under 19s.

The losses haven't dampened their enthusiasm and they are confident they have the form on the board to get into Premier League next season.

Coach Robert Fryer will again be at the helm next season and already has a number of top players lined up if Aris gain promotion.

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BALGOWNIE are another First Division club who will apply for a place in Premier League next season.

They have had a good season and coach Dick Evans says there are some very talented young players in the first grade squad.

Three of them played a lot of Under 19 games and were still eligible to double up in Under 17s on Sundays.

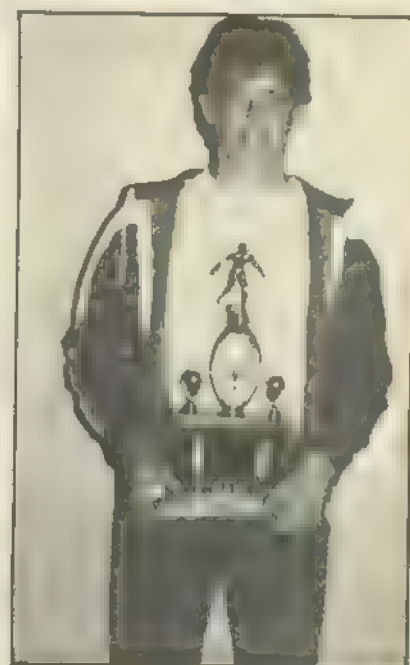
"Towards the end of the season the boys were blooded in first grade and did well," Evans said.

Balgownie certainly meet the Premier League requirements as far as ground and facilities go, and also have very good floodlights.

They will certainly put a strong case forward when applications close at the end of next month.



□ **THE Auburn-Uruguay defence**, regarded as the best defence in State League this season (from left): Mick Kelly, Slav Planinic, Carlos Rosano, David Watt and Ron Geekie.



□ **AUBURN'S lower grade players of the year**: second grade's Craig Thompson (left) and third grade's Stuart McFarlane.

Rockdale Ilinden Youth League

SELECTION TRIALS FOR 1985 SEASON

For Under 13, 14, 15 & 16 teams will be held at Tempe Reserve, Holbeach Street, Tempe.

OCTOBER 7, 14, 21, 28

Under 13 & 14 — start 10am

Under 15 & 16 — start 12 noon

Enquiries: N. Robertson - 666 3174 or L. Tracey - 727 9689

Coach staff:

Ilya Takacs, Ilinden's first grade coach

Paul Degney, Ilinden first grade player and former Australian representative

CANTERBURY & DISTRICT SOCCER FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

LOOKING AHEAD FOR 1985

FEDERATION SECOND DIV STATE LEAGUE

FIRST GRADE, SECOND GRADE, U18

REPS U11, 12, YOUTH LEAGUE U13, 14, 15, 16

SELECTION TRIALS

SUNDAY MORNING 9 am — October 14, 21,

November 4 — Tasker Park, Canterbury

(Next to swimming pool)

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Applications close Friday Nov 3

TOP QUEENSLAND U15s ARE OFF TO GERMANY

BY GREG RUSSELL

SOME OF Queensland's talented State Under 15 players are among a group of youngsters who will attend a Soccer camp in West Germany next month.

State U15 coach George Pagan is taking his third group of players to the Hennef Sport School for three weeks of intensive training and matches against local sides.

Twelve players will attend the course this year, including strikers Scott Rackley and Ian Glazebrook and goalkeeper Jason Milligan.

Queensland finished third in the national U15 titles, after leading the competition all week. Injuries devastated the

young Maroons squad and undoubtedly cost them the championship.

Hennef is one of the best appointed training facilities in Germany and is used extensively by national and club sides for pre-season and special training.

The Queensland group, which includes players from several country centres, will train under the highly qualified Uwe Hausmann, a staff coach with the West German Coaches Federation.



VEST IN CONTROL

BY KEITH GILMOUR

NSW director of coaching Alan Vest will assume control of the NSW Under 19 and Under 16 teams for next season's National Championships.

NSW has had some very ordinary results in recent seasons in many important grades and Vest is superkeen to turn the tide.

Vest told us: "On ability and opportunities available for progression, the NSW and Victorian players should go close to winning nine out of every 10 national titles."

"Certainly I have some great kids to work with."

Vest will have assistant coaches to operate with him on the State U19 and 16 teams.

Already Greg Ankudinoff has been appointed to look after the NSW U13 squad in 1985.

It is quite possible in future years that successful coaches will continue on with their squads in higher age-groups.

Vest has placed his recommendations for NSW U14 and U15 coaches with the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation for approval.

With the settling-in period over, things are moving at last on the coaching front.

Vastly experienced Eddie Thomson and Les Scheinflug will be involved in handling the course for senior coaches in January.

Already enrolled are players of the calibre of Tom Mihajlovic and Richie Williams.

The NSW U16 team will be on hand to learn and to assist with demonstrations.

Vest's aim is to find how many of them can be future Australian World Youth Championship players.

He held a staff coaches' course last weekend, and

is following up with a run of preliminary and bridging

□ ALAN VEST courses until Christmas

BENEFITS OF DEMONS ACADEMY

BY BRAD EARL

BLACKTOWN CITY believe they offer more for young players with their Youth Academy set-up.

Club secretary-manager Peter Thorne explained that the Academy in 1985 will consist of the four Youth League teams from

Under 13 to 16.

This is a considerable change to the format of the Academy, with 60 boys to benefit from the scheme next year.

"There will be a number of live-in camps; the boys are given a home training programme, and all gear necessary for training and playing is supplied," Thorne said.

"Areas such as medicine, physical fitness, education, nutrition and psychology are part of the scheme, and experts in these fields have already been organised for 1985."

The new director of coaching is Vic Renkovetsky, who has coached NSW State Youth teams.

Coaches for the individual teams will be appointed within the week for the trials which will begin this Saturday.

For further details, see the advertisement on this page.

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS U15 ROUND 2 REPLAY YOOGLI 4 SUTHERLAND 1



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THE Under 15 National Championships were held in Perth recently.

□ TOP: Action from the NSW-Victoria match, with NSW in the light strip. Victoria ended up champions at the titles.

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□ RIGHT: Captain Jason Whant leads the NSW team out.

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□ BELOW LEFT: Right-back Peter Bennett practices a volley.

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□ BELOW RIGHT: Defender David Scott goes up for a header.

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□ BOTTOM: NSW goalkeeper Michael White warms up.

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BLACKTOWN CITY DEMONS

TRIALS

1985 YOUTH ACADEMY

(PLAYING IN NSW YOUTH LEAGUE)

Selection trials for talented and dedicated players will be held at GABBIE STADIUM

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BERRIES' KO CUP

WHILST Canterbury — Marrickville Olympic's U/16 team narrowly missed out on the NSW Youth League semi-finals, they were successful in winning the KO Cup.

This cup was set up for the teams that did not qualify for the semi-finals and in the end Canterbury — Marrickville downed Illawarra 2-1 in the final at Parklea.

Behind the team's excellent performances was the work put in by coach Angelo Mitonovski, who in 1983 coached Inter-Monaro in the NSW State League.

A 1-0 defeat to Sydney Olympic, from a goal scored in

the last minute of the game, resulted in Sutherland Shire gaining the last semi-final spot at Canterbury's expense.

Captain Tom Frevaris, vice — captain Kon Vazouras, Tommy Poutidas and Chris Antonopoulos shone for the Berries during the year.

The team picture was taken at the Sydney Cricket Ground when the team put on an excellent curtain raiser to the Australia — Glasgow Rangers match.



STANDING: Angelo Mitonovski (coach), Sandy Spyralis, Kon Vazouras, Con Adams, Chris Antonopoulos, Billy Ethimiou, Carlos Fragale, Chris Nikolaou, Emanuel Finos, Con Ethimiou, (manager), Con Zafiratos (official).

FRONT ROW: Nick Xipakis, Themis Pappas, Tom Pontidas, Con Antonopoulos, Tom Flevaris, John Tsousidis.

RECAPPING SA's U16 VICTORY

THE South Australian Under 16 State squad which won the recent National Championship will be recommended to the SA Institute of Sport by State coaching director Mike Wells.

He led the youngsters to their triumph in Sydney, and also the Youth team to the final of their championship where it lost by a goal to Victoria earlier in the year.

BY TOM MCKAIN

"The Youth team came through the Institute and it has proved it can encourage and refine talent," said Wells, who drew up the Institute's Soccer programme and overseas sessions along with a select band of coaches.

"The youngsters also stay with their club sides and club training, so they get the best of both worlds," he said.

"I will be recommending that all the U16 players be admitted next year so we can prepare for the next Youth championship."

Here is Wells' summation of the tournament from an SA viewpoint.

In getting to the final, SA had to play through the toughest group, and qualified for the semi-finals as runners-up to Queensland in Group A.

SA drew with Queensland, the U15 champions in

1983, 0-0 in the opening game, a game which SA more than deserved to win through its second half dominance.

In the second round SA met a strong and resolute NSW side and came back from a first half goal to draw 1-1.

In the next round, SA defeated WA 2-1 in the early morning game and then had to wait for the final outcome of the Queensland NNSW game to know if they had qualified for the semi-final.

Queensland scored the goal which gave them victory in the closing minutes.

In the semi-finals Queensland easily defeated Victoria 3-1, while

SA completely outplayed NSW to gain a well deserved victory over a side which many were predicting would take out the Cup.

Although the record books will show SA won from a penalty converted by Tony Gasparetto, in the first place a good goal had been scored by Jimmy Tsialafos.

However, the referee disallowed that — and awarded a penalty as Tsialafos had been fouled by the NSW keeper.

The final was very much a "band-aid" backs-to-the-wall job for much of the second half.

Injuries the previous day

meant that Stuart Douglas was sidelined, but surprisingly Graham Latham made it having sustained a bad knock in the semi-final.

Queensland had been fortunate enough to have had a longer rest period between matches.

The physically stronger Queenslanders were determined to atone for the lesson handed out to them in the first encounter.

However, their hit-and-run tactics were easily countermanded by a resolute and skilful SA defence.

The solitary winning goal came from SA's diminutive striker Tsialafos, a brilliant piece of individual play.



□ JIMMY TSIALAFOS

St George BSC Youth League

TRIALS FOR 1985

Trials for Under 13, 14, 15 and 16 teams for 1985

will be held on the following dates.



Under 13 & 14:	October 11	} 6PM START, THURSDAYS
	18	
	25	
	November 1	
Under 15 & 16:	October 9	} 6PM START, TUESDAYS
	16	
	23	
	30	

ST GEORGE STADIUM

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

ST GEORGE CLUB 579 6977

JOHN HEDISON 570 3772



AASRF NSW DIVISION secretary Ron Beaumont with the senior (under 21) cadets. The rest of the group comprises Trevor Southward (Bankstown), Mark Chlopicki (Southern Districts), Kevin Goverd (Granville), Ross Mottershead (St George), David Christie (Canterbury), Phil Scutts (Gladesville), David Kite (Manly), Jim Lee (Sutherland), Gavin McMiles (Blacktown), David Martin (Kuring-gai) and Allan Wallace (Nepean).

NEW CADET AWARD FOR YOUNG REFS

In a commendable move, the Affiliated Referees this year introduced an award for the Senior Cadet of the year.

Senior cadets are in the Under 19-21 group, as distinct from the Cadet of the Year which covers Under 18 referees.

The senior winner, decided at the Under 13 and 16 State Championships, was Kevin Goverd from Granville, with David Christie of Canterbury as runner up.

Secretary Ron Beaumont explained the position

thus: "Having instituted the Under 18 award, we found there was still a gap in our plans to ensure continuity of supply of high quality referees to senior ranks."

"There is always some loss of officials and meeting the growth of Soccer has its headaches."

"By introducing these competitions we are giving young referees something to strive for."

"All branches are asked to nominate referees in these categories and they are used for the State Championships."

"An inspector is present at all games. Apart from giving guidance on performances he allocates a mark which is used to select the winner."

"It is noteworthy that all referees in the senior cadet section finished within a point of the winner."

Most referees involved have already been on the job from four to six years. But in refereeing, the road to the top is a long one.

At an age when national team players are being passed over as being too old, the referee is probably just ready to make it to the FIFA list if he is good enough.

And so incentives such as the senior cadet end cadet awards assist to maintain the enthusiasm of the referees.

Some people in the game find it a little strange to accept younger referees in important State title games.

Mr Beaumont said: "It is hoped that these people will come to realise that the players they coach need to have referees at least equal to the skills that the players develop over the years."

"By giving the cadets access to these tournaments they have the opportunity to develop right from the start."



LEADING cadet referees from the districts — Mark Chlopicki (Southern Dists), Allan Wallace (Nepean) and Gavin McMiles (Blacktown).

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YOUTH LEAGUE TRIALS

Will be held at Centenary Sports area, Cnr Church & Long Streets, ASHFIELD

U13 & U14

Tuesdays, October 16, 23 & 30, & November 6, 1984

COMMENCING: 5.30pm — 8pm

U15 & U16

Thursdays, October 18, & 25, November 1 & 8, 1984

COMMENCING: 5.30pm — 8pm

The trials are open to all players in the respective age-groups.

All inquiries to Mr Paul Ankudinoff

(after hours) **86 5519**

SERDERON PRIZE RESULTS

IT'S that time again! ASW has been carefully weighing up the winners list for the magnificent prizemoney presented by Serderon Pty Ltd, the top polythene plastic distributors in Sydney.

The awards will be announced shortly for excellence in material on junior and schools Soccer football supplied for the unmatched columns of AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY.

The prizes are: 1st \$500, 2nd \$250, 3rd \$150, 4th \$100, 5th \$50.

Watch these columns for the winners list.

And by the way, thanks for all those photographs and club articles coming in. We will endeavour to print all of them if possible over our remaining issues this year.



THE NORTHERN NSW UNDER 14 SQUAD: pictured at the National Championships at Tubemakers Oval, Newcastle.
BACK ROW: manager Ken Minter (Macquarie), Tim Kelsner (Central Coast), Scott Baillie (Newcastle), Steven Brown (Macquarie), Alex Kallafas (Newcastle), John Govan (Newcastle), captain Scott Simpson (Newcastle), Andrew Pincham (New England), Ron King (Newcastle), coach Les Mather (Newcastle).
FRONT ROW: Stuart Horvath (Macquarie), John Knezevic (Newcastle), Brent Caisley (Central Coast), Blair Spinks (Central Coast), Mark Beagan (Macquarie), Dean McWhirter (North Coast), Andrew Roberts (Newcastle), Matthew Crouch (Hunter).

THE FLETCHERS OF LATROBE VALLEY

BY FRANK FINLAY

THE Fletcher family of Yallourn are certainly custodians of Soccer in the strong Latrobe Valley Junior Soccer League in Victoria.

Some years back, John Fletcher Senior played for Frankston and Victoria and later Yallourn as a goalkeeper.

John Senior, born in Manchester, came to Australia in 1953. He played for the Navy, the Victorian U18 team and later as the State's senior goalkeeper in 1970/71.

He was forced into retirement due to a back injury in 1979 and now plays the important role of Latrobe Valley Junior Soccer coordinator.

John Fletcher Junior known to his mates as "Flick" due to his ability to flick the ball over the crossbar — took up Soccer at the age of seven with Monash and later joined Yallourn Soccer Club.

The tradition was certainly there, apart from his father's goalkeeping days, his uncle Phil Blunt represented Australia in the position in 1955/57.

John Junior is at Newborough High School and this year was named as Best and Fairest Player in the LVJSL.

His mother Keren is the backbone of the local Soccer club, attending to the canteen, strips and transport. It is nice to see examples of Soccer as a family affair.

John recently had his

first game in the Yallourn senior side.

John Senior is not completely happy that local junior Soccer is on the right, even though it is so highly rated in the Victorian country.

He stated: "Lack of parental support is the biggest handicap for junior Soccer."

"This gives me a bitter

taste in the mouth and makes me angry."

He also accuses some parents of being aggressive and too willing to try and over rule the coach in the positions their offsprings should play.

But keep up the good work, John. Soccer must have a growing standard of play in the country as well as the city.



JOHN FLETCHER SNR in his playing days.

YOUTH TEAM COACHES FOR 1985

YUGAL SOCCER CLUB

Coaches and managers are now invited to apply for positions for the 1985 season.

Enquiries, stating qualifications and experience, please telephone:

Mr Paul Taliana — 667 2941 or 357 6892

Mr Ron Taliana — 344 5070

THE STATE OF THE ART IN THE ACT

FROM a very humble beginning, when ACT representative teams took a real hiding every time they appeared in national competitions, the National Capital has improved its junior standards.

Some of this has come from local enthusiasm. In addition there has been a rub-off from the play of Canberra Arrows and from Soccer's operations at the Australian Institute of Sport.

Our Tasmanian correspondent, Van Dieman, took the opportunity to discuss the progress — and the areas requiring improvement — with ACT director of coaching Les Bee at the Australian Schoolboy Championships in Hobart.

Here is how the conversation went:

Q: What is the state of junior Soccer in the ACT?

A: It's developing at present. We've got a Soccer Academy which looks after Under 13s, 14s, 15s and 16s. We develop the techniques of these players in the hope that we're preparing them for senior football earlier.

Q: Is the AIS a help?

A: Yes. On occasions the Institute players have helped with some of the younger players. In fact, at the Academy, we have two ex-Institute players actually coaching full-time.

The other thing that the Institute has provided us with are facilities. The facilities are excellent now so we take full advantage of these when we can.

Q: Does the presence of an NSL club in Canberra help junior Soccer?

A: That's been a great help. The ACT, in the past, at youth championships, had always been a sort of whipping post where it was a case of how many goals the other teams would knock past the ACT.

But, now with the NSL team there, it has given our players the opportunity to experience top quality football outside the ACT and that's been a great help really.

It also gives players the opportunity to see what they're like as regards the players in the rest of Australia, rather than just within the ACT.

Q: How do the numbers playing Soccer at junior level in the ACT compare with those playing other codes of football?

A: We have more juniors playing Soccer than all the other codes put together. Administration wise, we're not in front however.

We haven't got enough good businessmen looking after Soccer, and that's from club level right up to executive level. That, to me, is the biggest problem with Soccer in Australia. There just aren't enough real businessmen invited in to control clubs.

If your management at the base level is good, then your management at the top level is going to be even better.

Q: What is the media coverage of Soccer like in the ACT?

A: The NSL is covered quite well. Local Soccer isn't covered very well at all and junior Soccer has got very little



LES BEE (centre) on the ACT bench during the Schoolboys tournament.

going for it.

And again, I think that's partly the problem of the clubs themselves and of the people in Soccer.

It's hard to know what the media really want. At times, when we've given things to them they've not been reproduced in the papers or shown it on television.

All of a sudden, you'll see a little flurry and then it dies away again.

Our Under 20 side were the holders of the title and before we went away to Hobart we tried to get this schoolboys' team on television. After all the phone calls, no-one was interested enough to come out and see us.

The real answer, I suppose, is that we get what we deserve. If we don't push enough, that's what we're left with.

Q: What do you know of Tasmanian Soccer?

A: I'd say that it would be on a par with the ACT at present. The one area where Tasmania might have the edge over Canberra is that there seem to be a lot of junior players playing senior football just a little earlier.

NANANGO SOCCER SEVENS

NANANGO, 24 kms from Kingaroy and a comfortable 2½ hours drive from Brisbane, is famous for a few notable events.

It is the site for the new major power station, runs an annual "mardi gras", and is an important centre for the South Burnett Soccer Association.

On October 13, Nanango Soccer Club will conduct the biggest seven-a-side tournament in the length and breadth of Queens-

land.

Both men and women will compete with teams coming from various parts of the State.

Good luck to organisers Lee Strack, Peter Ravnik and Rod Morgan and their committee for a big day up there in Queensland.

READERS FORUM

In this spot every week, we shall publish extracts from readers' letters - good or bad! If you want your opinions aired, please keep letters and postcards short and to the point. Write to The Editor, AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY, PO Box 106, Broadway, 2007.

What the public wants

I WISH to put forward some things that I feel are necessary to stabilise the great game of Soccer.

I feel that the administrators are not aware of what the public is looking for, so here are some ideas.

1. The team running last must be relegated unlike 1984, where a team 12 or so points off the pace is to be retained while a better team goes down, so disenchanting many supporters.

2. Admission should be lowered from \$5, thus encouraging families back to the game.

3. Clubs must advertise and promote the players. Coaches and club officials are better known than half the players.

4. A programme listing players names and numbers should be compulsory, as spectators often don't know who they are watching and therefore fail to associate themselves with the players.

5. Australian jersey to be given only to those deserving of this honour. Too many poor players have been involved in Australian squads, thus down grading the honour of representing our country. The present Merlion squad is a typical example.

6. No junior Soccer should be played in opposition to the NSL. Finish all local games by 1.30 Sunday.

7. Spread the games over different days, not six games opposing each other on Sunday. Many of us like to take in more than one game each week.

8. Clubs be made responsible for youth development, with NSL coach and players involved with youth teams.

9. Imports be restricted to quality players with a proven record overseas. Clubs to present imports credentials to NSL for approval or otherwise. Players who step off the plane with their Manchester United bags have ripped off Australian Soccer for far too long.

Finally, give us Soccer every week. The 1985 format gives us the chance to do this, but already the officials are talking of going to 12 or 14 teams in 1986, resulting in football every second week for club followers. While our team is interstate many find other interests and don't come back.

Thank you for this chance to give my views.

JOHN ANDERSON,
Lethbridge Park, NSW.

Who are the mugs?

IN regard to Jeffrey Graham's letter, and Newcastle winning the National Cup (ASW 18/9/84), the NSL Management, Sydney NSL clubs (who try to run the NSL to suit only themselves), the national coach and the Sydney media not only should have red faces, but their rear ends should be black and blue also!

Their "Sydney's best, blow the rest" attitude is an embarrassment to Soccer. Long may country and regional NSL teams thrive and continue to put the so-called experts from the city in their place.

Confucius says: "Newcastle won the Cup, but the NSL Management are the mugs!"

JIM JAMES,
Waratah West, NSW.

Democracy in Women's Soccer

THE article on the recent AWSA AGM concludes with the statement that the election of two current players will provide "better communication between players and officials, creating a more balanced, democratic and healthier situation."

Even the most cursory enquiry would have established that three of the previous executive were current players - a fact which makes your conclusions laughable.

Also, the inference could be drawn from these remarks that the prior situation was unbalanced, undemocratic and unhealthy, whereas the achievements and progress of Women's Soccer in the 10 years since the formation of AWSA have been quite remarkable and speak volumes for the integrity and ability of the individuals responsible.

Perhaps your views reflect the propaganda used in the pre-election campaign, but in the interests of presenting a balanced, democratic and healthy critique, a more objective approach should have been adopted and a glaring mistake thus avoided.

ELAINE WATSON,
Life member - AWSA,
Moorooka, Qld.

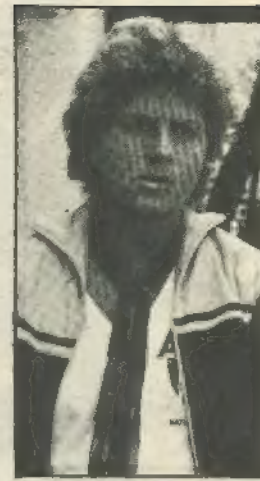
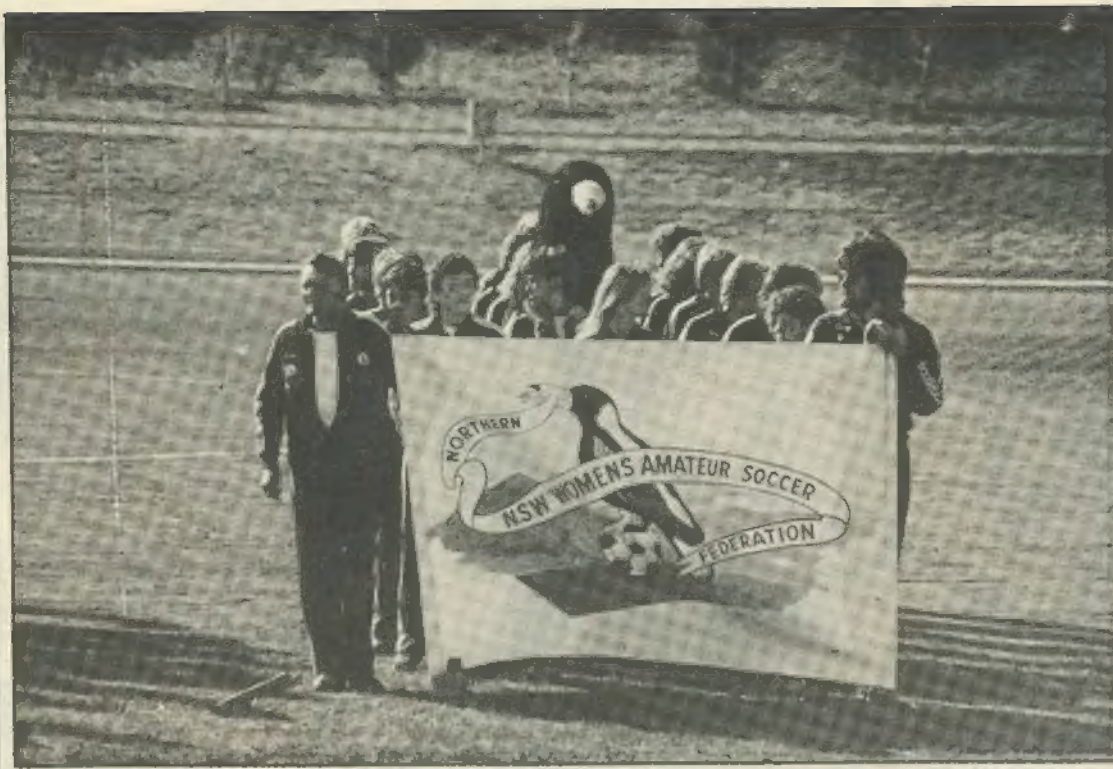
Craig is great!

I AM nine-years-old and I am one of the kids who was lucky enough to spend three mornings at Dural attending a Soccer coaching clinic by Craig Johnston.

Thank you Craig for a great opportunity to learn more about Soccer.

The English club, Liverpool, might have Craig's signature on a contract but I have his signature in my autograph book!

DAVID PYM,
Westleigh, NSW.



★★★★

□ TOP: KAREN MENZIES, sweeper in the Northern NSW side.

★★★★

□ LEFT: NORTHERN NSW line up at the march-past.

★★★★

QUIET DEBRA

EXPLODES

ON THE FIELD

DEBRA BONSHORE, the new discovery goalkeeper from the Northern NSW camp, is as quiet off the field as she is vocal in telling off her defence on the park.

Tall, unassuming with bright red hair, Debra gave me an interview just after she had played for Northern in a hard match during the Australian Women's Soccer Championships in Canberra recently.

She started playing in the Gateshead district near Newcastle when she was 12.

I asked her if she had always wanted to be a goalkeeper. With a wry grin, she said that she was put in that position to start with but did not mind much as she was able to get a game now and again out on the field.

Debra plays for Toronto-Awaba club where there are two teams in the club. She is the keeper for the top side which came third in the local competition this year.

Competition

The Macquarie district, which has local clubs around Newcastle affiliated to it, is one of the stronger associations in the Northern NSW Women's Federation and there is strong competition to gain places in the representative side.

Strangely, Debra was not selected as the first choice for the Macquarie side when they competed in the State Championships in Tamworth.

She had already played for the State in the Under 15 Championships in Brisbane and had been chosen twice for the Under 17 sides, but personal reasons forced her to drop out both times.

It looked like she was going to be the "bridesmaid" for the senior side as well but, when she received the news that she had at last made the "big-time", she said that it was great news as she had always wanted to make the top side.

Debra is still a schoolgirl and attends Gateshead High School, where Soccer is a very strong sport.

I asked her if Women's Soccer was strong at the school and Debra said that last year the side won the secondary school's Kuring-gai Cup. Unfortunately, there has been a considerable drop-off in players this year and the school is not nearly as strong.

Debra has considerable ambition but is hampered by not having anyone to coach her in goalkeeping.

Although she is 17 now, an age where a goalkeeper would be learning the finer points of the position, Debra has the ability to do well and her reflexes are natural and automatic to her.

Training

She said that the closest men's side to her home was the Charlestown United side and she would dearly love to have someone take her in hand, for specialised training.

The eldest of three children, Debra is the only one playing Soccer.

Asked how her family reacted to their daughter taking up the sport, she said that they were right behind her with her mum coming to watch the Sunday games in which she played.

With Debra still at school and studying for the end-of-year exams, mum will have a little respite until the next year when the financial drag will start once more.

Debra said that she has been fortunate in having

her mother pay for the fares and accommodation when she has been selected in other Soccer sides.

I asked her how she felt facing the might of the other top teams in the National Championships.

"I was very nervous in my first game," she said. "The team was just great encouraging me and I had a great sweeper in Karen Menzies in front of me. I got heaps of experience in every game that I played."

I told her that it did not seem that I was talking to the same person, compared to the bundle of nervous energy out on the field.

Her eyes sparkled and she grinned when she told me that she had been told that all good goalkeepers

had leather lungs when they played and at times, she felt that she was hoarse when she came off from a game.

Apart from playing Soccer, Debra works off any surplus spirit by playing Indoor Cricket, Indoor Soccer, Hockey and Softball, but with Soccer taking the main stage, she does not have much time left for the others.

Debra said that she has had offers to play for other sides in the Newcastle district next season, which will improve her ability between the sticks.

She has been named as one of the 20 Australian squad members from which a national side will be chosen to tour Taiwan in December.

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GATES STAKES CLAIM FOR ENGLAND JOB

ERIC GATES of Ipswich is one of the most dangerous wingers in the first division but he remains on the outer with national team boss Bobby Robson.

ERIC GATES on the attack for Ipswich Town against Manchester City.

Ipswich team-mate Terry Butcher commented: "Eric is the nearest thing you can find to Kevin Keegan. He deserves to be in the England team. But it's not too late — he's only 29." Bobby Ferguson, the Ipswich manager, said: "Gates can do turns around the box that no other players can do and Bobby Robson knows it."

As for Gates himself, he just keeps playing outstanding football and hoping he'll be capped by his country.

"I'm disappointed I haven't more England caps but that's up to the English manager. I won't lose any sleep over it," said Gates.

By the way, Gates has played only twice for England.

UK SOCCER SCENE

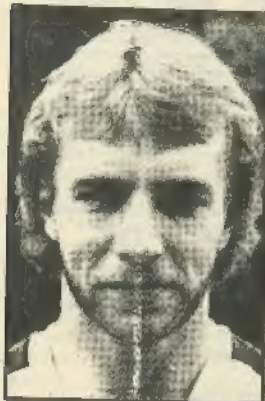
STARS? SPURS HAVE MANY

BEFORE the season started, there were fears that Spurs might be short of class players after selling forwards Steve Archibald and Alan Brazil.

Those fears were banished as Spurs climbed to the top of the table.

And, believe it or not, their reserve team recently included Ossie Ardiles, Glenn Hoddle, Gary Mabbutt, Danny Thomas and Garth Crooks.

No shortage of big names there!



STEVE ARCHIBALD



ALAN BRAZIL

BAN ON SAINTS GROG

SOUTHAMPTON players were upset after a recent home game at The Dell to find the players' lounge locked and "out of bounds" to players from both teams.

Southampton manager Lawrie McMenemy was responsible for the ban.

After Southampton's previous home game, two reporters were evicted from the lounge — after being invited in by players.

One player said: "This must be the only first division club with no refreshment room for players, wives and officials."

Could it be that the poor start to the season by Southampton has upset the usually popular McMenemy?

DANNY MOVES AGAIN

DANNY McLENNAN has quit as national coach of Malawi and has returned to his Scottish homeland to contemplate his next move in the coaching field.

McLennan is quite a world traveller in the cause of football.

He has coached in Mauritius, Zimbabwe, Iran, The Philippines, Bahrain, Iraq, Jordan, Saudi Arabia and, eventually, Malawi.

That job-swapping effort might make even Rudi Gutendorf envious.

Incidentally, McLennan coached Iran's World Cup team in the 1974 Cup elimination matches against Australia.

Later, he applied to become Soccerroo coach after Rale Rasic was dumped by the Australian Soccer Federation.

STEVE'S NOT A BUTTERFINGERS



STEVE SHERWOOD, Watford's goalkeeper, was criticised for his performance in the F.A. Cup Final against Everton but still insists the vital Wembley goal came when Andy Gray headed the ball illegally out of his hands.

Sherwood claims referees are affecting his career. A similar incident to the Cup Final goal happened when Watford drew 3-3 with Aston Villa.

Peter Withe appeared to kick the ball out of the goalkeeper's hands to score for Villa.

"I'm absolutely certain I had the ball in my hands before Withe kicked it," said Sherwood. "A couple of refereeing decisions have got me some stick with the fans — and I don't need that."



□ MARK HATELEY (right) celebrates his goal for England against Brazil.

UK-TYPE RIOT IN MILAN

MARK HATELEY must have felt quite at home when he made his debut at San Siro Stadium for A.C. Milan against Udinese.

The former Portsmouth centre-forward was surprised to see the sort of crowd violence which has given British fans a bad name all over the world.

When Udinese's Carnevale scored a late equaliser in the 2-2 draw, a goal which looked well offside, the fans turned very ugly.

Missiles were thrown and police drew truncheons to quell the riot.

Hateley, however, was more concerned with his own performance ...

which was very good. He ran 30 metres to lay on Milan's first goal and then scored the second one himself, with a perfectly-timed header.

"I felt great when I scored that goal and the fans gave me some terrific support," said the Englishman after the game.

On the same day, Graeme Souness, ex-Liverpool, got Sampdoria's winning goal against Cremonese.

OVERSEAS RESULTS

WEST GERMANY

Bochum v Laverkusen	0-0
M'gladbach v Karlsruhe	3-3
Cologne v Dortmund	6-1
Duesseldorf v Bremen	3-2
Hamburg v K'lautern	3-2
Mannheim v Uerdingen	2-1
Ein F'urt v Arminia Bielefeld	3-0
Schalke v Eintracht Brunswick	3-2

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bayern	8	0	0	16	5	12
M'gladbach	3	2	1	16	13	8
Hamburg	2	4	0	8	6	8
Bremen	3	1	2	15	11	7
K'lautern	2	3	1	11	9	7

SPAIN

Malaga v Al Madrid	1-0
Sociedad v Hercules	4-0
Espanol v Valladolid	2-2
Re Madrid v Racing	3-0
Zaragoza v Bilbao	1-0
Osasuna v Sporting	0-0
Elche v Sevilla	0-0
Betis v Barcelona	1-2
Murcia v Valencia	0-3

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Barcelona	4	0	0	10	1	8
Sevilla	3	1	0	5	0	7
Valencia	3	0	1	9	2	6
Al Madrid	2	1	1	5	2	5
Betis	2	1	1	3	2	5
Valladolid	1	3	1	5	4	5

GREECE

AEK v Iraklis	2-1
Kalamar v Egaleo	3-0
Larisa v Doxa	1-0
Oli v Ap Aftens	1-0
Olympiakos v Panathinaikos	4-0
Panionios v Ethnikos	2-4
Panionios v Pnaikos	1-1
Pack v Aris	2-0

SWITZERLAND

St Gallen v La C.D.F.	2-2
Sion v Lucerne	2-3
Vevey v Aarau	2-3
Wettingen v Lausanne	3-1
Winterthur v Grasshopper	2-2
Zug v Young Boys	0-2
Zurich v Servette	1-1

POLAND

Leg Warsaw v Ba Gdynia	1-0
Go Zab v P Szczecin	1-0
Gks Katowice v R Chorzow	1-1
Wid Lodz v W Krakow	1-1
Le Gdansk v Rad Radom	2-1
Go W'zycz v Lka Lodz	1-1
Sl Wroclaw v Zag S'wiec	1-1
M Lublin v Lech Poznan	1-1

POLAND

Leg Warsaw	5	3	1	14	7	13
Wid Lodz	4	5	0	9	3	13
Go Zabrze	5	3	1	8	2	13
Lech Poznan	2	7	0	9	6	11
M Lublin	4	2	3	10	8	10
Za S'wiec	3	4	2	12	11	10

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Za S'wiec	3	4	2	12	11	10

FRANCE

Bordeaux v Tours	2-1
Nantes v Lens	2-0
Paris SG v Auxerre	0-0
Monaco v Laval	0-0
Nancy v Racing	4-0
Bastia v Marseilles	1-0
Brest v Metz	0-1
Toulouse v Strasbourg	2-1
Toulon v Sochaux	1-0
Lille v Rouen	0-0

N. IRELAND

Bangor v Larne	1-4
Carriok v B'mena	1-3
C'ville v Newry	5-0
Crusaders v Linfield	3-4
Distillery v G'loran	6-2
Portadown v Ards	3-1
Glenavon v C'raine	1-2

HOLLAND

Ga Eagles v Ex Rotterdam	3-2
Sittard v AZ'67	0-4
Volendam v Haarlem	2-1
Roda JC v Pec Zwolle	2-0
Feyenoord v Twente	5-3
Utrecht v Maastricht	0-1
Groningen v Sp Rotterdam	0-1
PSV v Nac Breda	4-1

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PSV	5	2	0	24	6	12
Ajax	5	0	0	17	5	10
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Utrecht	3	3	1	16	7	9
Groningen	4	1	2	16	9	9
Feyenoord	4	1	2	17	12	9
Sp Rotterdam	4	1	2	11	12	9

NY COSMOS CRASH AND MISS OUT ON PLAY-OFF SERIES

BELIEVE it or not, the mighty Cosmos from New York failed to win a spot in the North American Soccer League play-offs.

This is the first time Cosmos have missed out on the money-producing series since 1975.

The match which killed Cosmos' hopes was their 1-0 defeat by Chicago Sting in the final round of

the regular competition. The goalscorer, and certainly not pin-up boy as far as Cosmos are concerned, was German Heinz Granitz. His winning goal came exactly 48 seconds before the final whistle.

Yet the real damage was done to New York hopes in their two previous games when they were beaten by Tulsa and Golden Bay.

So the glamour team finished the season in a blaze of mediocrity, losing their last three games without scoring a goal.

Sting's victory at Comis-

key Park allowed them to finish in top place in the NASL's Eastern Division. San Diego Sockers won the Western Division.

Cosmos' goalkeeper Hubert Birkenmeier was in top form against Sting, making two spectacular saves from his countryman Granitz before Granitz's

third effort produced the winning goal.

Johan Neeskens, the famous Dutch international, was used by Cosmos as sweeper and not in his normal midfield position.

"We blew it a couple of weeks ago — with three matches to go," said Neeskens.

UK CLUBS MISS AN IRISHMAN

RACING SANTANDER, the Spanish club, have put one over on British clubs by going to Dublin to sign a player.

The player is Allan Campbell of Shamrock Rovers. It is surprising that this talented forward slipped through the fingers of English and Scottish clubs who usually keep an eye on Irish players.

Campbell joins Steve Archibald (Barcelona)

and Gerry Armstrong (Real Mallorca) in Spanish football.

Santander paid Shamrock Rovers a fee of \$100,000 for Campbell and the Irish club claims Santander got a real bargain.

YASHIN LOSES LEG

THAT magnificent Russian goalkeeper Lev Yashin, probably the greatest in the world 25 years ago, has had a leg amputated and is in poor health in hospital.

Yashin's complaint is phlebitis.

He visited Australia with Moscow Dynamo and

made a big impression with many people with his friendly disposition and cheerful outlook.

His illness will bring sympathy from Soccer people all over the world and good wishes for a full recovery.



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'BAD BOY' TONI GRABS A TOP AWARD

TONI SCHUMACHER is the most unlikely "footballer of the year" in West Germany.

Always remembered as the man who brutally fouled France's Patrick Battiston in the World Cup semi-final in Spain, Schumacher was booed constantly in this year's European Champ-

ionship in France.

Even so, the sports writers voted him best goalkeeper in the Championship and now the German writers have crowned him "footballer of the year."

At 30, Schumacher, who plays for Cologne, is determined to be a controversial character. He once said most clubs in Germany were run by "a bunch of amateurs!"



DIXON CAN'T SCORE

CONFIDENT Kerry Dixon predicted pre-season that he'd give Ian Rush and the other prolific first division goalscorers a run for their money. He collected only one

goal in his first five games and was substituted against Aston Villa. Dixon isn't too upset. He said: "The goals are there — I've no doubt about it. Of course, I get depressed when I'm not scoring, but I have belief in my ability because I know I can score goals."



IT'S A LONG SLOG HOME

WELSH international Joey Jones has slapped in a transfer request and Chelsea will probably agree to release him.

This season, Jones was suspended for Chelsea's opening game, substituted in the next and left out ever since.

"At my age (29) I need first team football," said Jones.

"My career seems to be in limbo. I can't face a whole season in the reserves."

Jones has a travel problem. He lives in Wrexham in north Wales and drives to London twice a week, a distance of 1,600 kms.

Unable to sell his house in Wrexham, Jones has now taken it off the market and hopes to find a club nearer home.

'I DON'T PLAY DIRTY!'

TOTTENHAM's Graham Roberts is being built up by opposing teams as the "bad boy of the first division."

Roberts has had his share of tough action and was sent off in a recent match against Sunderland. Now he is appealing to his fellow professionals for a fair go.

Says Roberts: "What I don't want is six or seven opposing players telling the referee to send me off after one tackle. People are trying to provoke me."

"It is upsetting to find myself being painted as a villain. I'm aggressive and enthusiastic in the tackle but that's all."

"I will always insist that I am not a dirty player."

The Spurs defender claims he is being judged on his reputation which is not a fair one anyway.



HARD FOR CASE

JIMMY CASE is Brighton's club captain but he's

struggling for a regular first team spot.

This caused a story to be written suggesting Case would follow English international goalkeeper Joe Corrigan on to the transfer list.

"It's news to me," said Brighton manager Chris Catlin. "Case is the captain and very much part of the set-up."



BUY FOR DOC

TOMMY LANGLEY could turn out the bargain buy of the year for Wolverhampton Wanderers.

Wolves boss Tommy Docherty grabbed Langley on a free transfer from Coventry City.

Langley scored a magnificent second-half winning goal when Wolves beat Charlton Athletic 1-0 and was rated man of the match.



□ NOEL BLAKE

RACIST CHANTS FOR BLAKE

RACISM is alive and prospering at British football matches.

When Portsmouth beat Leeds United 1-0 at Elland Road, Portsmouth's black centre-half Noel Blake had sickening abuse hurled at him by the crowd.

Every time Blake had the ball, the loutish mob shouted: "Shoot the nigger."

Surprisingly, the player was not unduly perturbed. "It didn't bother me — it wasn't as bad as the treatment I received at Newcastle," he said.

"St James Park is the worst place — Leeds are only runners-up and the

more they shout, the better I know I'm playing."



□ JOHN NEAL

JOHN PAYS JOHN

JOHN NEAL, Chelsea's manager, was a 60-a-day cigarette smoker until he went into hospital for a big operation.

Neal, who never seemed to be without a cigarette, had open heart surgery and was told to quit smoking.

John Hollins, Neal's assistant at Chelsea will now be a richer man. Hollins had a \$800 bet that Neal would give up the evil weed.



□ JOHN HOLLINS

TWIN STRIKERS NOT STRIKING

WATFORD's dreadful start to the season has upset many of their fans who cheered them in the Cup Final at Wembley last season.

The twin striking combination of Mo Johnston and George Reilly, which did so much to get Watford to Wembley, isn't functioning this season and Reilly is expected to move to a new club.

"The Reilly — Johnston combination fell into place last season — they got goals and everything went right for them," said team boss Graham Taylor, "but the partnership hasn't settled down this season."

Taylor has warned his players that the Cup Final was not the ultimate in football achievement.

He said: "You only have to win five matches to get to Wembley. Just because you do that, you think you're a team who can really play."

BLAST FROM THE BOSS

IT doesn't take long for team bosses to start blasting their players and threatening them.

Wimbledon manager Dave Bassett presented his team with an ultimatum after losing to Birmingham City — only the third game of the season. Said Bassett: "If players can't show me they are not frightened in the second division with in a couple of weeks, I'll get

players who can do the job! I won't be throwing silly money around but there is some cash available."

Just-promoted Wimbledon players are "playing on grounds and against stars they have only read about," added Bassett.

AFTER Orient were beaten at home 3-2 by York City, Orient boss Frank Clark summed up his side with one comment: "They were a shambles!"

UK soccer results, tables

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE							
Tottenham	8	5	1	2	20	9	16
Notts Forest	8	5	1	2	17	9	16
Arsenal	8	5	1	2	17	10	16
Man United	8	3	5	0	14	5	4
Sheffield Wed	8	4	2	2	19	11	14
Everton	8	4	2	2	16	15	14
Chelsea	8	3	3	2	11	7	12
West Ham	8	3	3	2	9	10	12
Ipswich	8	2	5	1	11	8	11
Newcastle	8	3	2	3	16	19	11
QPR	7	2	4	1	14	14	10
Liverpool	8	2	4	2	12	12	10
Sunderland	8	2	4	2	9	9	10
Aston Villa	8	3	3	1	11	18	10
Norwich	8	3	3	3	11	14	9
Leicester	8	3	3	3	11	15	9
West Bromwich	8	2	2	4	13	13	8
Southampton	8	1	4	3	10	13	7
Luton	8	1	4	3	8	15	6
Stoke	7	1	3	3	7	14	6
Coventry	8	1	2	5	5	11	5
Watford	8	0	4	4	15	20	4
ENGLISH DIVISION TWO							
Birmingham	8	7	0	1	13	3	21
Oxford	7	6	1	0	19	6	19
Blackburn	8	5	2	1	18	7	17
Leeds	8	5	0	3	17	9	15
Shrewsbury	8	6	0	3	12	15	15
Brighton	7	5	0	3	10	3	15
Portsmouth	8	4	3	2	16	9	14
Charlton	8	4	2	2	13	8	14
Man City	8	4	2	2	13	8	14
Grimsby	8	4	0	4	13	14	12
Barnsley	8	3	2	3	11	7	11
Sheffield Utd	7	2	3	3	12	11	9
Fulham	8	3	3	0	5	11	9
Wolves	8	2	2	4	10	16	8
Cardiff	8	2	2	4	6	15	8
Crystal Palace	7	2	1	4	8	12	7
Wimbledon	7	2	1	4	12	17	7
Oldham	7	2	1	4	5	14	7
Huddersfield	7	2	1	4	5	14	7
Middlesbrough	7	1	1	5	10	18	6
Cardiff	8	1	0	7	8	20	3
Notts County	8	1	0	7	7	21	3
ENGLISH DIVISION THREE							
Bristol Rovers	7	6	1	0	10	1	19
York	7	5	2	0	15	7	17
Gillingham	7	5	1	1	13	5	16
Doncaster	7	5	0	2	14	7	15
Bradford	6	4	1	1	9	3	13
Millwall	7	4	1	2	13	8	13
Preston	7	4	0	3	13	14	12
Rotherham	7	3	2	2	10	8	11
Derby	7	3	2	2	9	7	11
Bristol City	7	3	2	2	11	11	11
Hull	7	3	1	3	7	3	10
Bradford	7	2	1	3	6	6	10
Walsall	7	2	3	2	12	11	9
Bournemouth	7	2	2	3	6	8	8
Reading	7	2	2	3	5	9	8
Burnley	7	1	4	2	8	9	7
Plymouth	7	1	4	2	13	17	7
Newport	6	1	3	2	5	7	6
Orient	7	2	0	5	7	13	6
Wigan	7	2	0	5	11	13	4
Bolton	7	2	0	5	11	13	4
Swansea	7	2	1	3	8	10	3
Lincoln	7	1	0	3	8	10	3
Cambridge	7	1	0	3	8	16	3
ENGLISH DIVISION FOUR							
Hereford	7	6	1	0	11	0	19
Bury	7	5	2	0	15	6	17
Chesterfield	7	5	1	1	13	7	16
Peterborough	7	4	2	1	8	3	14
Darlington	7	3	4	0	13	7	13
Blackpool	7	3	3	1	11	5	12
Colchester	7	3	3	1	15	11	12
Tranmere	7	4	0	3	3	10	7
Crawley	7	4	0	3	12	11	12
Port Vale	7	2	3	2	8	7	9
Stockport	7	2	3	2	10	10	9
Chester	7	2	3	2	8	9	9
Mansfield	7	2	2	3	7	6	8
Hartlepool	7	2	2	3	9	12	8
Swindon	7	2	2	3	9	11	8
Southend	7	1	4	2	8	9	7
Exeter	7	2	1	4	8	10	7
Wrexham	7	2	1	4	10	13	7
Torquay	7	2	1	4	8	10	7
Halifax	7	2	0	4	3	12	5
Scunthorpe	7	2	0	4	13	14	5
Aldershot	7	1	2	4	8	12	5
Rochdale	7	1	2	4	4	11	5
Northampton	7	0	1	6	2	17	1
SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Aberdeen	8	7	1	0	20	3	15
Rangers	8	5	3	0	9	1	13
Celtic	8	4	4	0	13	5	12
St Mirren	8	4	1	3	9	7	9
Dundee United	8	3	1	4	11	10	7
Dundee	8	3	0	5	13	14	6
Dumfries	8	3	1	5	8	12	5
Hibernian	8	2	1	5	9	14	5
Hearts	8	2	0	6	5	14	4
Morton	8	2	0	6	5	22	4
SCOTTISH DIVISION ONE							
Airdrieonians	8	6	0	2	14	6	12
Motherwell	8	5	1	2	13	7	11
Ayr	8	5	1	2	10	5	11
Clydebank	8	4	2	2	12	9	10
Hamilton	8	4	2	2	11	9	10
Brechin	8	4	2	2	11	9	10
East Fife	8	2	5	1	19	18	9
Forfar	8	4	0	4	16	10	8
Clyde	8	2	4	2	9	8	8
Falkirk	8	3	1	4	11	14	7
Partick	8	1	3	4	10	14	5
Meadowbank	8	0	4	4	9	17	4
Kilmarnock	8	1	2	5	5	20	4
St Johnstone	8	1	1	6	9	20	3
SCOTTISH DIVISION TWO							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Alloa	8	6	2	0	13	3	14
Dunfermline	8	6	1	1	17	6	13
Montrose	8	5	0	3	14	12	10
Stenhousemuir	8	3	3	2	7	8	9
Cowdenbeath	8	4	0	4	15	11	8
Queens Park	8	4	0	4	16	13	8
Queen of South	8	2	4	2	11	10	8
Stirling	8	2	3	3	9	8	7
Berwick	8	3	1	4	9	9	7
Albion	8	3	1	4	12	16	7
Raith	8	3	1	4	10	14	7
Stranraer	8	3	1	5	7	14	6
Arbroath	8	2	1	5	6	13	5
East Stirling	8	0	3	5	9	18	3